

# Life



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B. R. VILLE

"Darling, do you love me?"  
"Ask me another."

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### Rhymed Reviews

#### The Plutocrat

By Booth Tarkington. Doubleday, Page & Co.

**I**MPORTANT, hearty, crude and loud,

In no environment a shrinker,  
He owned the ship and bossed the crowd—

The many-millioned Mr. Tinker.

The bluff Midwestern plutocrat

Became an incubus, a bogle  
To that conceited dandiprat

The lofty playwright, Laurence Ogle.

On land, in streets or desert scenes,  
The Many,—tame or half-barbarian,—

The Arabs, French and Algerines  
Revered the horrible Rotarian.

But when, at Timgad, Ogle heard  
The fellow termed "an Ancient Roman,"

He thought it nothing less absurd  
Than if they'd called him Daniel Frohman.

Yet, after all, the parallel  
Was not extravagantly funny;  
The Romans, likewise, knew the spell  
Of Bigness, Progress, Brag and Money.

The Romans, too, were bold as brass

And loved Success and modern plumbing;  
Athenian highbrows called them crass,

But they were always up and coming.

Before our playwright makes a hit  
(The lucky snob!) with Tinker's daughter,

You'll pick up gems of sense and wit  
Of mighty near the finest water.

You'll note that people, great and small,

The Siamese, the Turk, the Kruman,

The Englishman, the Celt, the Gaul,  
The prig and plutocrat are human.

Arthur Guiterman.

#### Very Good, Sir!

**MASTER** (grimly, to butler): I asked you last night, Jennings, to taste the port I purchased and give me your opinion of it. Now I find there are four bottles missing.

**BUTLER:** Taste it, sir? I thought you said test it!—*London Opinion.*





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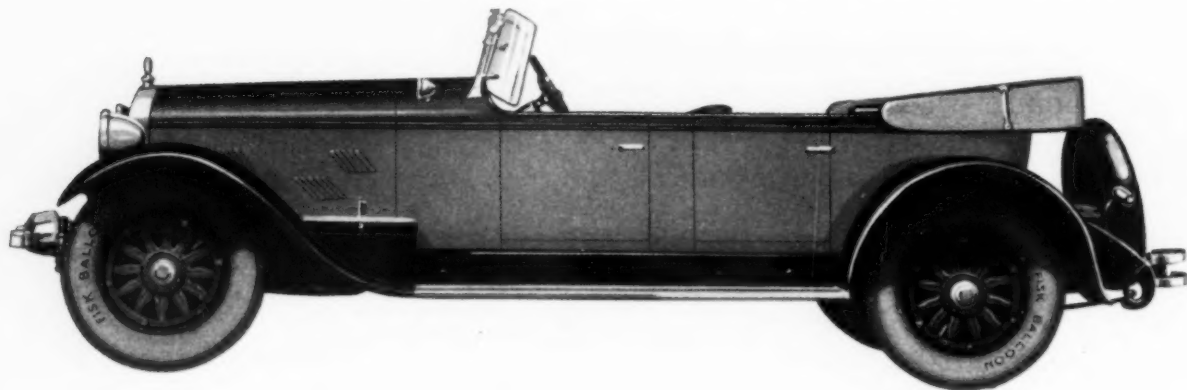
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## They Asked Him Another

THE atmosphere was tense. A man's reason hung in the balance. "What Roman general conquered Britain?"

"Emu," replied the patient.

His relatives gasped.

"Ask him another!" directed the specialist.

"Who wrote 'Paradise Lost'?"

"Gnu," gurgled the patient.

His relatives shuddered.

"When"—in response to the specialist's gentle nod—"was the Battle of Waterloo?"

"Tat," said the patient, beaming upon them all.

His relatives wept.

"We'll make one more effort," said the specialist. "Ask him the simplest question possible."

There was silence for three seconds. Then—

"Who discovered America?"

"Gnome," said the patient promptly.

"It is as I feared," announced the specialist. "His mentality is that of a crossword puzzlist."

A. H. F.

## Miles from Anywhere

A SEVENTH-GRADE history class, which had just finished studying Colonial life, was on examination. One of the questions was, "Discuss city life in Colonial times." One boy wrote: "There were not many cities, and what there were, were out in the country."

—Indianapolis News.



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# When Parents Fail



THIS is a clumsy world for children. They are constantly running into the barbed wires of our grown-up principles and conventions. Every year thousands of them get into trouble which brings them before the Juvenile Courts for punishment or wisely tempered mercy. Rarely are these unfortunate youngsters really bad. Nearly always the hidden cause behind their waywardness is lack of training or proper guidance at home. Oftentimes, physical conditions cause their abnormality. When health is restored the vicious tendencies often disappear.

Warm-hearted men and women in all parts of the country are doing splendid work in helping to salvage these bits of human driftwood. Organizations have been formed which send volunteer representatives to the Juvenile Courts to take boys and girls on probation and so save them from slipping into lives of crime. The kindly folk who do this work are "friends at court" to these youngsters.

Delinquent children are by no means found to come only from homes of poverty. From well-to-do and even rich homes have come children with tendencies toward crime which have amazed their parents. Too late these fathers and mothers learned that in reality they never had known their sons and daughters.

## May Day—Children's Day

May First has been set aside by the nation as a day on which mothers and



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fathers, philanthropists and public-spirited men and women, interested in America's future, join in one great purpose—the big, important work of checking up the health of the children of this country.

It is a great forward step to set aside a definite day to have eyes, ears, noses, throats, and teeth examined for possible physical defects. But why stop half-way? Examine minds just as thoroughly for possible mental troubles.

In May, then, after you good fathers and mothers have found out whether or not your children are sound and healthy, physically, you will want to have an old-fashioned, heart-to-heart talk with

the youngsters and learn what they are thinking about, who their companions are, and where they spend their time.

More especially will you want to do this if you have ever spent a few hours in a Juvenile Court where you will have learned that the young offender, in nearly every instance, lands in court because of bad companions or want of proper home training.

Lacking a friend at home, a child may need a friend at court.

Each year more than 200,000 children are brought before the Juvenile Courts charged with more or less serious offenses. Seventy-five per cent of all adult offenders begin their criminal careers before reaching the age of 21. The steps are fast from petty thieving to murder.

In the three year period, 1923, 1924 and 1925, the homicide mortality rate in the United States mounted to the highest point ever recorded.

In 1926 there were approximately 10,000 homicides. In recent years our homicide rate has been 600% greater than that of Canada and 1400% greater than that of England and Wales.

Even the best of children develop tendencies hard for parents to understand. These faults, if uncorrected, may produce serious consequences. As Judge Arnold of the Juvenile Court of Cook County, Illinois, says, "The first job of a parent of a boy is to understand him, not only physically and morally, but emotionally."

The Metropolitan has prepared a booklet, "The Mind of the Child". It may help you to deal fairly and wisely with your children in solving the many vexing problems that come up in connection with them. Send for it. It will be mailed without cost.

HALEY FISKE, President.



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# Life

## To Florence

FOR a man who's in love with a maiden poetic  
A pace has been set which is hard to maintain;  
He must utilize terms which are highly æsthetic  
To adorn the emotion he strives to explain.  
I love you, and trust you're not antagonistic;  
A statement like this is no hardship, you see,  
But the effort to woo you in verse eulogistic  
Is hard upon you, and still harder on me.

Since I cannot express in original lyrics  
My fond admiration that ardently glows,  
I've collected a number of rare panegyrics  
From poets whose excellence every one knows.  
A sonnet which therefore should need no apology  
I herewith enclose, to my letter annexed,  
And if you'll consult any standard anthology,  
You'll readily verify author and text.

- 1) O thou from head to foot divinely fair,
- 2) O heart of hearts, the chalice of love's fire,
- 3) Lighten forth smiles to clear the clouded air,
- 4) Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire?
- 5) Then thou wouldst melt the ice out of my breast,
- 6) That with superfluous burden loads the day;
- 7) As after sunset fadeth in the west,
- 8) Trust on, and think to-morrow may repay.
- 9) Ask me no more; the moon may draw the sea,
- 10) Where billows never break, nor tempests roar;
- 11) So, might I, standing on this pleasant lea,
- 12) Perhaps on wing of poesy upsoar?
- 13) The winds lift up their voices; I depart;
- 14) Well, Florence, shall I reach thee, pierce thy heart?

John R. Swain.

- 1) Beaumont & Fletcher. 2) Swinburne. 3) Daniel. 4) Addison.  
5) Shakespeare. 6) Milton. 7) Shakespeare. 8) Dryden. 9) Tennyson.  
10) Garth. 11) Wordsworth. 12) Keats. 13) Byron. 14) Browning.



"WHY ALL THE HEAVY THOUGHT, ETHEL?"  
"I'M TRYING TO MAKE UP MY MIND WHETHER TO BE POPULAR TO-NIGHT OR ACT LIKE A LADY."

## Rules for Questionnaire Scoring

(These rules have not been approved by any one, even our wife, but who cares?)

IF you give an answer that is absolutely wrong, and admit it when the correct answer is disclosed, you score nothing, and that's all you deserve, too.

If you give an answer that is incorrect, but are able to convince the entire assemblage that the right answer, as read, is what you meant to say, you get half credit. If the assemblage includes some of your in-law relatives, and you are still able to convince *every one*, you get full credit, and more power to you.

If you answer, "Jupiter," when the correct answer is "Venus," you get the usual credit for good intentions, which is nothing.

If you answer correctly the question, "Why is a Senator?" you get full credit and a bonus. (We assume there is an answer.)

If you tear the Question Book from the hands of the would-be questioner and throw it out of the window before he can utter a sound, you'll deserve all the credit you get.

John C. Emery.

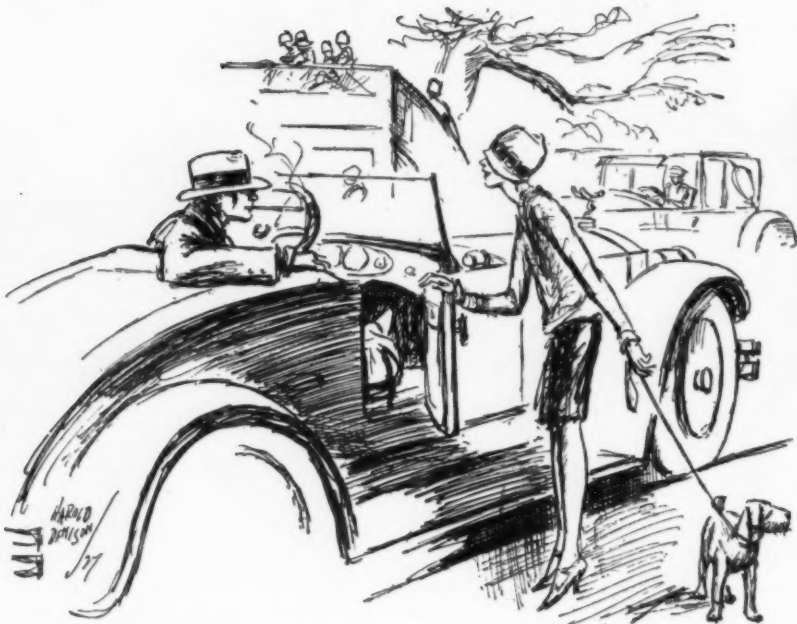
## Something Snapped

AMBULANCE SURGEON: What brought on the fit?

NEIGHBOR: The poor fellow's new car had just been delivered, and when he came out he saw a butterfly tramping over the paintwork.



Prosecutor: WHAT DOES THE DATE, AUGUST 18, 1925, SIGNIFY TO YOU?  
Dora: I'M SORRY, BUT I'M NO GOOD AT THESE QUESTIONNAIRE GAMES.



"I THOUGHT IF YOU WEREN'T GOING ANY PLACE, I'D GO ALONG WITH YOU."

### Nightmare of the World's Highest Paid Editorial Writer

**H**IS Second, not his third term; huge creature forty-seven feet long from beak to tail but no brain to know that it will be his Second, not his third term; Wall Street cheerful, realizing that it will be his Second, not his third term; Atlantic cities will all be deserted, thousands flying to Los Angeles to invest their money in real estate, and it will be his Second, not his third term; the wise Socrates remarked 25,000 years ago, "Nobody knows whether he will accept the nomination, but if he does, it will be his Second, not his third term"; 50,000 Japanese homeless, but it will be his Second term; enemy aeroplanes will bomb Uncle Sam, the fat grocer, little realizing that it will be his Second, not his third term; untold Second term wealth in the Second term ground, but the real wealth is in the Second term brains; write your Second term Congressman to buy more Second term aeroplanes and come to the Second term Pacific Coast and see Sec-

ond term America Second term first in the hearts of his Second, not third, Second, Second...

Vincent B. Wilson.

**N**OWADAYS, it's love at the first drink.



Now Run Away, Willie

"PAPA, WHAT IS 'A BOLT FROM THE BLUE'?"  
"A YALE LOCK, MY BOY; DON'T BOTHER PAPA."

### What Are the Questions to These Answers?

(NOTE: Just to vary the monotony of this tiresome Questionnaire craze, we publish herewith a number of ANSWERS, the QUESTIONS leading up to which will be found on page 34.)

1. David Belasco, Rogers Hornsby and Earl Carroll.
2. The spoon.
3. Charles Spencer Chaplin.
4. Bread.
5. Six.
6. Six.
7. Six.
8. Six.
9. Browning.
10. The Bowery.
11. Water.
12. Nine times out of ten, yes.
13. Arthur.
14. Lima, Ohio.
15. Henry Ford.

### Travel

**"I** ADORE to travel, don't you? Yes, traveling is so broadening. We travel a great deal. Yes, I think so too. Europe is very nice. Don't you think Europe is very nice? My husband loves Europe. Have you ever been to California? We go to California almost every year. It's lovely in California. Don't you think California is lovely? The climate is so wonderful. Aunt Julia loves the wonderful climate. That's why we go to California almost every year. Yes. Do you enjoy traveling on boats? I adore traveling on boats. I hardly ever am seasick. Do you become seasick? My husband hardly ever becomes seasick — except now and then when the ocean gets rough. Which do you think is nicest, California or Europe? I think they're both awfully pleasant but in a different way. Don't you think so? It's so educational to travel. I love to travel, don't you?"

Robert Lord.

### Dispossessed

**DOLLY:** Do you own your own home?

**POLLY:** No, Jack's mother lives with us.



## Located

"LET'S SEE, YOUR SON GRADUATED LAST YEAR, DIDN'T HE? WHAT'S HE WORKING AT NOW?"  
"RARE INTERVALS."

## "Whattée Plíce Gloly?"

(The scene is in an encampment of the Cantonese Army. Privates QUID, PRO and QUO, which sound as Oriental as any names, are discovered shooting "craps," an ancient Chinese pastime, probably invented by the Ming Dynasty.)

PRIVATE QUID: Yeah, I cer-  
t'nly got it in fer this new shavey  
on our outfit, this here Lutenant  
Wong. Bawlin' me out fer only  
havin' one chopstick in me messkit  
at inspection! "Lieutenant," I says,  
"this here's a wear an' it's gonna be  
won with bullets an' not chopsticks."  
Say, he was so mad his face turns  
orange. So he puts me on K. P.

PRIVATE PRO: Hell, I didn't know  
you was on K. P. What we got for  
mess to-night?

PRIVATE QUID: Aw, same old suey.

PRIVATE QUO: Suey, suey,  
suey! Don't they know how to  
cook anything in this man's  
army but suey? Ain't they  
never heard of chow mein?

PRIVATE QUID: I don't mind  
the chow so much—it's this  
business of our washin'  
our own clothes gets my  
dragon. I got an uncle  
Chang back in  
the old country  
in Wisconsin  
an' he's got a  
laundry of his  
own and would

he think of washin' his own shirt? If  
I'd thought I was enlistin' in a laun-  
dry business instead of a army I'd of  
gone over with him.

PRIVATE PRO: Aw, quit yer bam-  
boo shootin'! War's war.

PRIVATE QUO: Well, this is the  
damndest poorest war I ever fought  
in. Look at these Nankingese! A  
buncha gypers if there ever was  
one. I go into a little joint on White  
Cherry Petal with Little Pink Spots  
Street for a dish of yockmein an' the  
dirty Nank that runs it tries to soak

me six yen! They think us Canton-  
ese are made of money!

PRIVATE PRO: Some of the janes  
ain't so bad, though. I got me a little  
high-yaller baby what's a knockout.  
Her name's Surface of a Lake  
that Mirrors Tall Green Reeds and  
Flying Herons, but I just call her  
"Surface of a Lake" for short.

("Taps," an ancient Chinese  
melody signifying "lights out," and  
composed by the Ming Dynasty, is  
sounded outside on a Chinese banjo,  
or whatever they call those squeaky  
things. Privates QUID, PRO and  
QUO hastily drape a blanket over  
a crack in the door.)

PRIVATE QUID: Shoot the ten  
sen!

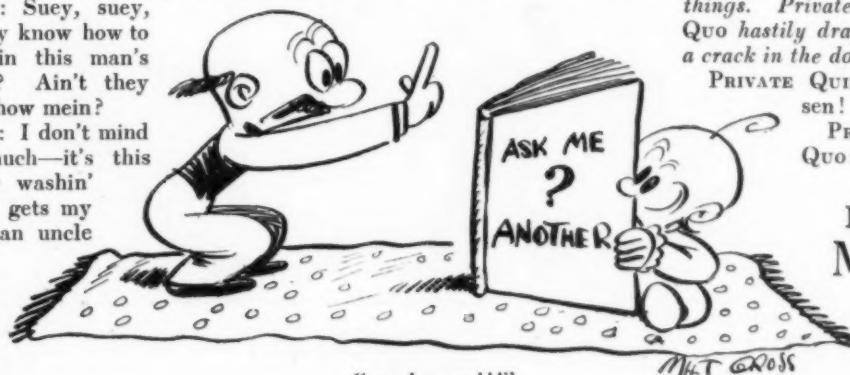
PRIVATES PRO and  
QUO: You're faded!

Tip Bliss.

## Lunch Chat

MAE: What'd ya  
buy a revolver  
fer, Susie?

SUSIE: Fer  
my hope chest,  
silly.



"DUN'T ESK!!!"



Another General Quiz



## PRIZE WINNERS



## ALIBI NUMBER SIXTEEN

*He (heatedly):* WHY DID YOU SAY YOU COULD PLAY THIS GAME WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HEARTS AND SPADES?

*She (apologetically):* WELL, YOU SEE, IT'S THIS WAY... I've asked you a dozen times this evening what's trumps, and you gave me a different answer every time.

This Alibi, which wins the first prize of \$50.00, was submitted by

JAMES J. HAINES,  
6 Warren Street,  
Boston 19, Massachusetts.

Five second prizes of \$10.00 each have been awarded to the following:

FAYE BURCHFIELD, *Johnstown, Pennsylvania*, for the Alibi: "You cross me so much that I ought to have the bridge instinct."

JACK L. ROTH, *Cincinnati, Ohio*, for the Alibi: "I knew that card wasn't a heart, but I wasn't sure whether it was a spade or a queen."

MARION G. THURSTON, *Hampton Institute, Virginia*, for the Alibi: "All summer I've been trying to learn which kind is trumps and after I know that, perhaps I can straighten out the others."

RUSSELL WILKS, *Detroit, Michigan*, for the Alibi: "I was learning rapidly and then the installment man took our radio."

THOMAS E. WILLIAMSON, *Dorval, Quebec, Canada*, for the Alibi: "You led diamonds and you know I never return a diamond."

## ALIBI CONTEST

Conditions of the Contest on page 38

## \$100.00 Weekly in Prizes

FOR this week's Alibi, Garrett Price gives us a picture of a young gentleman in a peculiarly nasty predicament. He is under the necessity of inventing an Alibi, or excuse, which must be so ingenious that the young lady will be unable to reject it.

Put yourself in the unfortunate bookkeeper's place, and decide what you would say. Remember, you have ample time for the creation of your reply. He hasn't.

If you can complete, in twenty-five words or less, his answer which begins, "Well, you see, it's this way..." you are eligible for a prize, provided your answers are sufficiently clever and ingenious.

Read the conditions on page 38 and note the date on which your answers must reach LIFE's office.

The Judges will appreciate it if you will write your answers to different Contest numbers on separate sheets of paper.

The prizes are as follows:

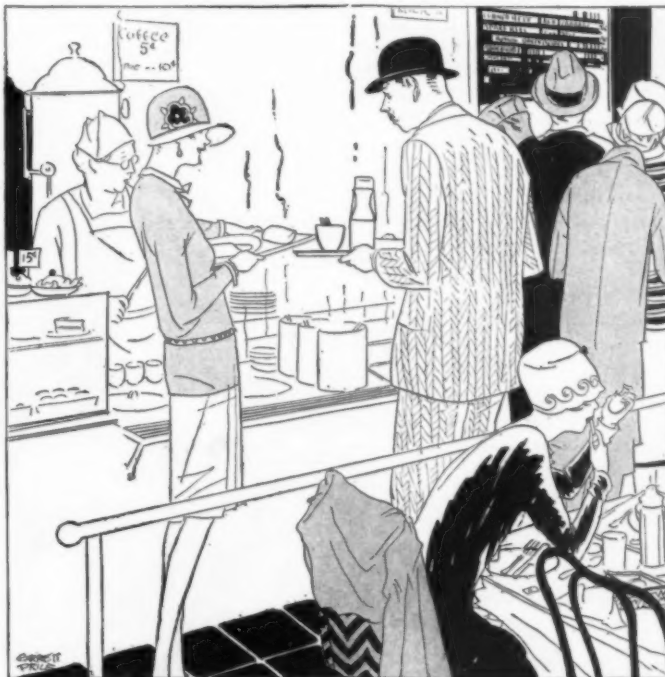
First Prize, \$50.00

Five Second Prizes of  
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ALIBI NUMBER TWENTY-TWO will be published in LIFE next week, with a new set of prizes.

Read the conditions carefully—and go to it!

## ALIBI NUMBER TWENTY-ONE



*The Stenographer:* WHY, REGGIE! YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T TAKE ME OUT BECAUSE YOU WERE LUNCHING WITH THE BOSS AT HIS CLUB. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

*The Bookkeeper:* WELL, YOU SEE, IT'S THIS WAY...



Hamlet: "TO BE, OR NOT TO BE; THAT IS THE QUESTION."  
Absent minded Stage Hand: I GIVE UP!

### A Lady Buys a Car

"NOW this is a stunning model. It becomes me, don't you think? Eighty horsepower, did you say? How dreadfully inconvenient if one got stuck in the mud! Where would one ever get eighty horses to pull one out? I should think one or two horsepower would be quite sufficient. Do you charge extra for alterations? Never mind about going into the differential. My husband will prefer to pay for it all at once, I'm sure. This mirror ought to be tilted a little. I can't see myself in it at all the way it is now. Fifteen miles to the gallon? How many cases do you think that would be a week? Now about these headlights—don't you think the cloche effect is just a bit passé? This shade of blue will go stunningly with my greyhound, but the number plates will have to be changed—lemon numbers on a slate background would be about right, don't you think? Of course you understand I shall return it if it doesn't suit. And you're quite sure I won't see any copies? Yes, charge it, please." C. E. L.

### Fate!

BINKS (over newspaper): Life's a funny proposition. Here's Joe Gulp—he's voted in every Chicago election for the last forty years and now he dies from a pin scratch!

### The Trouble

NEW COOK: I can't get the dinner the way you told me to, ma'am.

MISTRESS: Why not?

NEW COOK: Didn't you tell me to have roast beef and gravy?

MISTRESS: Yes, that's what I ordered.

NEW COOK: Well, the butcher sent up the beef but he didn't send a drop of gravy.



### Contact

Bob: DO YOU KNOW ALICE VERY WELL?

Bill: OH, YES. I'VE RIDDEN FIVE IN A SEAT WITH HER!

### Why I Can't Read Love Stories

"SHE had the slim figure of a boy...."

I lowered the magazine. Memories of the old swimming hole came back to me... long, spindly necks supporting oversize heads... knife-like shoulder blades wagging under the skin of scrawny backs... parallel rows of protruding ribs... lead-pencil biceps... hip bones you could hang your hat on... incurved gangling legs with enormous knobby knees... feet... "the slim figure of a boy."

I threw away the magazine. I don't object to style, but I know how I like my women. R. V. S.

### New Types

DOCTOR (at insane asylum): Any new patients arrive?

ATTENDANT: Yes, Doc, two. One of those "Ask me another question" fellows, and the other one is a Prohibition debater.



DETOUR TO BOSTON  
DETOUR TO LYNN  
DETOUR TO SALEM  
AND BACK AGIN!



LITTLE BOY BLUE  
COME BLOW YOUR HORN!



HI, DIDDLE DIDDLE!  
ROAD-HOGS IN THE MIDDLE  
YOU HAVE TO GET INTO THE DITCH  
THE ROAD-HOG LAUGHED  
TO SEE SUCH SPORT  
AS YOU CALL HIM A PERFECT GENTLEMAN!



JACK SPRATT COULD DRIVE TO THE LEFT  
HIS WIFE COULD DRIVE TO THE RIGHT  
THEY HAD TWO STEERING WHEELS PUT IN  
WHICH SOLVED THE QUESTION QUITE!



SING A SONG OF BOOTLEG  
CASES FULL OF RYE  
FOUR AND TWENTY COPS  
CHASING IT ON HIGH  
WHEN THE STUFF WAS OPENED  
THE COPS BEGAN TO SING  
"SWEET ADELIN" "THE GLOAMING"  
AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING!



LITTLE BO-CORD  
HAS LOST HER FORD  
AND CAN'T TELL WHERE  
TO FIND IT -  
LEAVE IT ALONE  
AND IT'LL COME HOME  
WAGGING ITS TAIL-LIGHT  
BEHIND IT!

JAMES HORTON'S FLAG

Motor Goose



## JUST BETWEEN US GIRLS



"MY dear, I am ACTUALLY all of a DOOdah—I mean I'm SIMPLY QUIVERing with agiTATion over this odd TELEvision contrivance they have suddenly thought UP because I honestly think the IDEA of it is TOO pERVERTed—I mean I ACTUALLY DO! I mean you have little ENOUGH privacy as it IS nowadays because you practicably NEVER can get a MINute to yourSELF or anything, but with this poisonous TELEvision idea people will be able to DISCOVER you at simply ANY odd hour of the day or NIGHT, my dear, which is actually the most BILious situATion because I mean I have ALWAYS simply aDORED TELEphoning when I am in a hot BATH, which to say the LEAST would be kind of im-PRACTicable with this TELEvision IDEA in operation, do you know what I mean? HONestly, my dear, I am getting rapidly OSSified with this VILE IDEA because it just means that you will have the most SOBBing exPERiences like having some BOY friend suddenly PHONE you when you are BOUNDing around your BOUdoir with practicably nothing on but a STEP-in, because I mean you will simply NEVER be able to reMEMber to put something ON before you answer the PHONE. Well, ANYways, my dear, the IDEA of this obnoxious TELEvision thing would be simply SCREAMing in SOME ways, because I mean think of the people you could call UP and DISCOVER in all kind of COMpromising and emBARRassing poSitions and everything! I mean I honestly think THAT part of it would be terribly inTRIGuing—I mean I ACTUALLY DO!"

Lloyd Mayer.

## Exclusive

MRS. NORTH: The Burrows seem to be unusually proud of their car.

Mrs. WEST: Yes; they can't afford it more than anybody in our set.

ALICE (listening to college quartette): Oh, Virginia! Wouldn't you like to have those boys for your first four husbands?

## Journalistic Portraits

Bruce Barton

HE cuts the uplift-reading public with Glenn Frank, Dr. Frank Crane, and Henry L. Mencken. He is understood to get thirty-five per cent. of the gross receipts with the privilege of having his own man audit the books.

His influence has thoroughly saturated the American people. Recently a candidate for the wrestling championship was billed as "The man nobody throws."

He is the envy of all newspaper men because he has shown what an editorial writer can do if he turns professional.

Until he came along with the younger generation, the farthest North in making money out of the Bible had been reached by the Reverend Billy Sunday....What a wonderful sub-division salesman he would make!



Tabloid Reporter: I JUST THOUGHT OF A SWELL HEADLINE—"HOOCH QUEEN SLAYS DADDY IN LOVE ORGY."

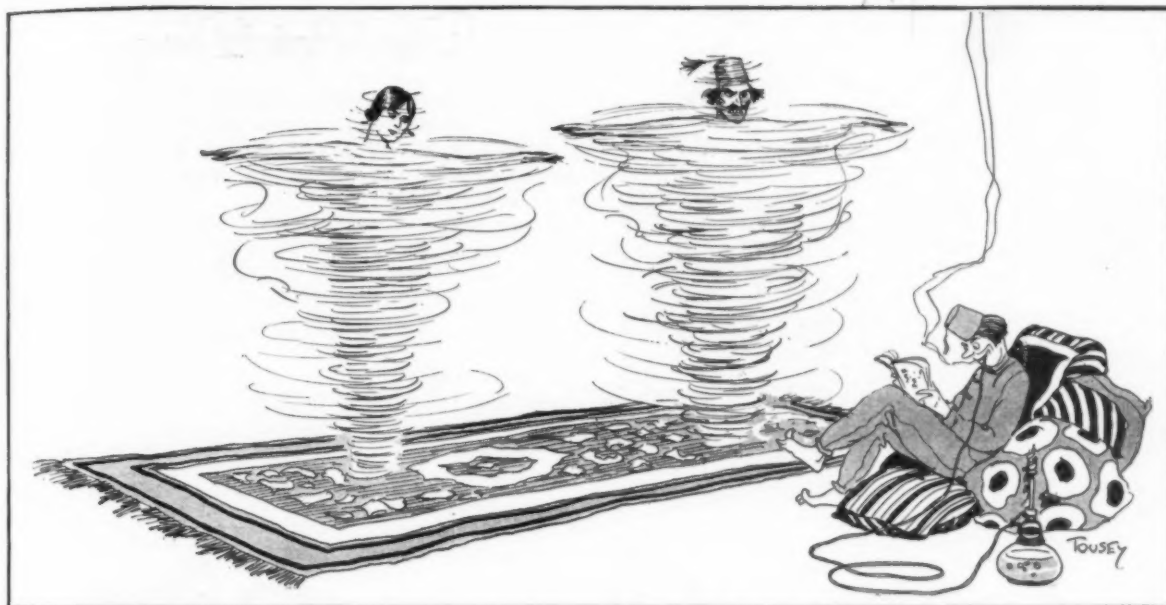
Editor: FINE! NOW GO OUT AND PICK UP A STORY TO FIT IT.

McCready Huston.



Mrs. Brown: DID YOU REMEMBER ME TO YOUR GRANDMA, TOMMY?  
Tommy: YES, BUT SHE FORGOT YOU THE NEXT MINUTE.





*Mrs. Whirling Dervish (twirling violently):* HUBBY, DEAR, I WISH YOU'D SPEAK TO THAT LAZY SON OF OURS. HE TOILS NOT—NEITHER DOES HE SPIN.

## The Point of View

*(The player tells about it.)*

"—and, gosh, there was my ball in a terrible lie and about two hundred yards from the green. So I said to myself, 'Now's the time if ever,' and I took my mid-iron and addressed the ball and then just concentrated—blotted everything out of my mind but the pill and how to make the stroke. Then I took a slow, easy backswing, remembering everything the pro told me, and came down with lots of power, and—well, sir, I just naturally lifted that ball right up out of there and laid it on the green—enough backspin to hold it on, too. Prettiest iron shot I ever saw if I do say it myself. Also, that shot gave me the hole and the match. Not bad, huh?"

*(His opponent tells about it.)*

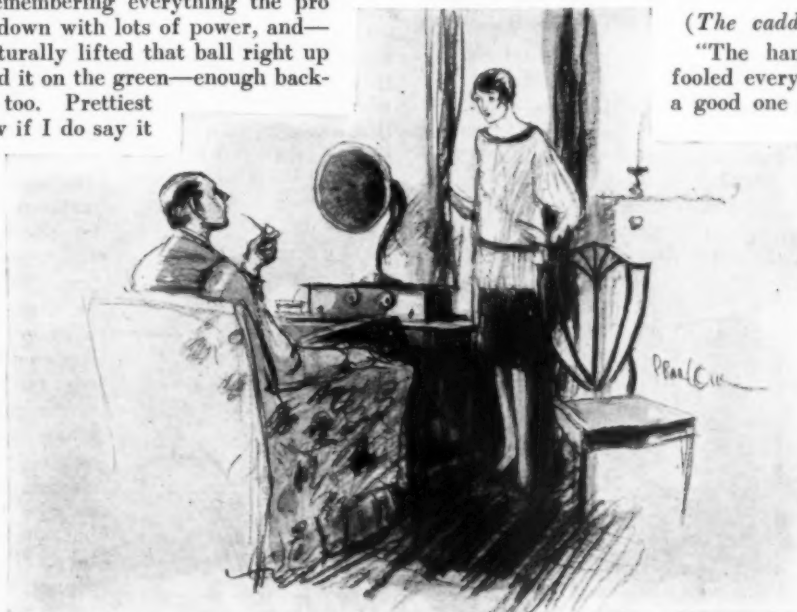
"—and his rotten drive took a couple of crazy bounces and there this lucky stiff was all teed up on a tuft of grass and only about a hundred and thirty yards from the pin—and then the darned fool plays

it with a mid-iron, no less, instead of the mashie any half-way decent golfer would have used. If he weren't such an anæmic bird he'd have hit it a hundred yards too far. So he takes his funny-looking swing, dropping his shoulder and doing all the wrong things there are to do and by the merest accident manages to shovel the ball onto the green—dead to the flag. Can ya beat it?"

*(The caddy tells about it.)*

"The ham with the glasses fooled everybody to-day and hit a good one on the eighteenth—and it made the bald-headed ham sore because he thought he had the match sewed up—and so he didn't give me a tip, the big stew. You wait and see how many balls that cheap skate needs to play a round the next time I caddy for him."

*E. L. Gordy.*



*Voice from the Ringside:* WELL, IT LOOKS AS IF YOUNG BIFFO WERE ABOUT TO BE ROCKED TO SLEEP.

"WHY, GEORGE, AREN'T THE BED-TIME STORIES OVER YET?"

**ANXIOUS MOTHER:**

And is my boy really trying?

**WEARY TEACHER:** Very.



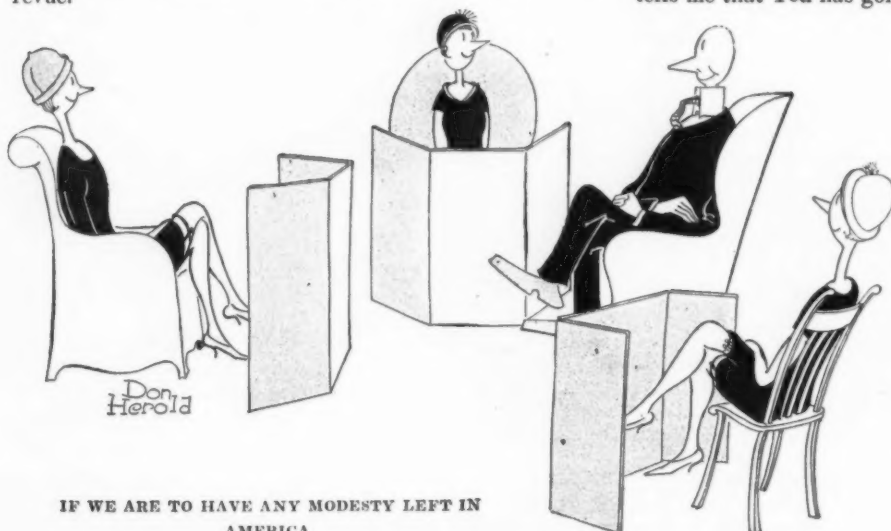
"SO I SAYS TO HIM, 'NO, NOT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS WOULD I MARRY A TRAP-DRUMMER! WHY, WHAT KIND OF A HOME LIFE WOULD I LEAD, I ASK YOU?'"

### A Certainty

"I'M trying to think of a graduation gift for a girl; something that will really hold her interest. What can you suggest?"

"Have you thought of a pair of garters?"

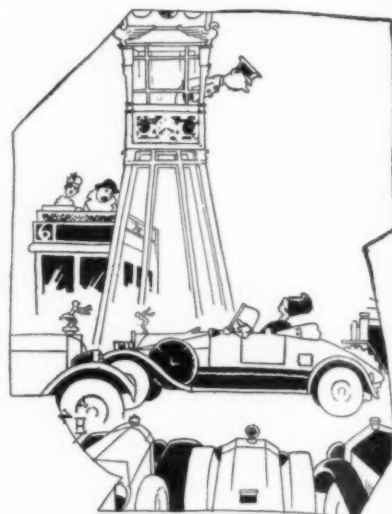
WE venture the prediction that "Marching Through Georgia" will never be played in an Earl Carroll revue.



IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY MODESTY LEFT IN AMERICA.

## Mrs. Pep's Diary

**April 12th** Marge Boothby announced before I was out of bed, she, having spent this year's income so recklessly that she must now apply the selective principle to her whims, seeking counsel as to whether she should buy a Buick or have her face lifted, and I did urge her to get the motor car, for as much as it would be difficult even with microscopic inspection to find a wrinkle on her countenance, and I do think she was somewhat disappointed. Lord! what a splendid ancient Athenian Marge would have made, being constantly alert to hear or see or do some new thing. Then I did make her tell me about the Coppers' party last night, even down to what had been served for dinner, for recently I have developed a keen interest in what people have to eat, so that I do often inquire of the most casual acquaintances what viands they have consumed or proffered on this or that occasion. To luncheon at Dora Southgate's, and she tells me that Ted has gone to live at the club because she did imply that in similar circumstances his conduct would have been the same as that of Chester Gillette in "An American Tragedy," but methinks he chose to take seriously whatever piece of her chatter would afford him an excuse for a few uninterrupted evenings of bridge, nor do I blame him much, neither, for not only does Dora's discourse take an incredible time to pass a given point, but she recovers her territory. To the Bannings' for dinner, whereat a great company, and afterwards we fell to the simple nursery games which are having such draw-



*The Girl:* HEY, OFFICER! IF YOU SEE AN ATTRACTIVE-LOOKING YOUNG MAN WITH DARK CURLY HAIR DRIVE PAST HERE IN A MULBERRY-COLORED MARMON WITH BURNT-ORANGE TRIMMINGS, PLEASE TELL HIM I CAN'T MEET HIM AT THE RITZ UNTIL A QUARTER PAST SIX.

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### Tu Ne Quaesieris

(Being a translation of Horace's Ode XI, Book I, the first poem on record to express disgust with the questionnaire craze.)

**L**EUCONOE, I've stood it long enough—  
Your questioning is driving me insane;  
They'll diagnose it "softening of the brain"  
If you keep up this what's-the-answer stuff.

Thus you: 1) Just what end awaits us? 2)  
What do the Babylonian tables show?  
3) How many more winters do we go?  
And 4) Has Jove the date when we skidoo?

I know you're trying hard to give me one  
Grand time and entertain your poet-guest;  
But, Leucy, give the harried bean a rest;  
These queries aren't my idea of fun.

Why not enjoy ourselves instead of wrecking  
Our heads? Move over for a little necking!

Simonetta.

### Binneyville Bugle

**E**D JIMPSON has developed a sudden streak of effeminity. He had his hair shingled Wednesday and bought himself a pair of pajamas.

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Binney Beach was so crowded last Saturday that Constable Whiddy would let only half the bathers go in at one time, for fear the stream would overflow its banks and flood adjoining farms.

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Miss Tessie Cull was so unfortunate as to break her little finger while crooking it Friday afternoon in the Pekoe-Boo Tea Room.

F. B. M.



"THIS CLUB WILL COST YOU TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, SIR,  
BUT IT WILL ADD FIFTY YARDS TO YOUR DRIVE."

"TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IS A LOT FOR A CLUB, BUT I GUESS  
I CAN SWING IT."



"BUT I ORDERED DEMI-TASSE."

"AW, THA'S AWRIGHT, LADY. DRINK HALF OF IT."

### The Hollywood Studio Café

"**I** BEEN sittin' around here made-up since last Tuesday and I ain't worked yet."... "So I told Mr. Lasky just what to do but he didn't do it and now he's sorry."... "We cut to the Marines coming, coming, coming."... "You gimme your check and I'll give you my check and then we'll both give him our check."... "Speaking of art, did you ever see the picture I made in —"... "The heavy steals the battleship and we pick them up in a long shot on the desert."... "Well, Moe got a little bit drunk and tried to shoot the policeman."... "He said to call him up some time next year so I'm very encouraged."... "I know it's a good title: I used it in every picture I done for three years and it always gets a laugh."... "Who made that girl the star she is to-day? I ask you—who made her? I made her a star."... "It'll be selling for a thousand dollars a front foot in just a little while."... "We cut back to the Marines coming, coming, coming."... "De trauble wit de Heandustry is by us too many foreigners."

Robert Lord.

### The Advertiser's Joy

"**W**HAT are you turning around for, John?"

"I've just discovered we've come five hundred and ten miles since morning; we'll have to run back to the five-hundred-mile mark and change the oil."

### Fair Play

**K**ITTY: How did you get rid of that radio collector so soon?

BETTY: I started up the radio.

**S**ECRETARY KELLOGG says the United States should treat all nations alike. What a lot of Marines that will take!





*She: YOU UNSPEAKABLE PIG! WORDS FAIL ME!  
He (who has been getting a good hauling over the coals  
for the last half-hour): THANK GOD!*

### Bye, Bye, Bivalve

**A**LWAYS at a loss about something, our present worry is over what oysters find to keep themselves occupied during months in which there is no "R."

**I**N these days even a rich man can't keep his wife decently dressed.



*Diver's Wife: WHAT'S THE IDEA, COMING HOME IN THAT OUTFIT?*

*"IT'S RAINING AND I DIDN'T WANT TO GET WET."*

### Television

**I** SIMPLY can't wait for the day when there will be a television telephone in every home. Aside from the social possibilities just imagine the fun it will be reporting a fire or calling a policeman or both. Suppose, for example, you come home some day and find your husband committing suicide for no reason at all. You hastily put on your favorite negligee, curl the ends of your hair, straighten your lipstick and rush to the television thing.

"Hello, I want a policeman," you say, noting meanwhile that the operator has had her eyebrows plucked.

"Right-o," answers the operator. "That's an awful smart outfit."

"Do you really like it? I'm terribly glad," you reply. "But would you mind hurrying? My husband seems to be well on the way to ending it all."

"No! Let's see!"

"Oh, all right, but I wish you'd hurry."

Just then a big, deep voice, or a little, wee voice, or a medium-sized voice says, "Police Headquarters," and the handsome Irish face of the police lieutenant appears. The operator is very much annoyed and vanishes, with a few curses.

"I want a politheman. Baby wantth a politheman," you lisp with your most alluring smile.

"Bejabers, begorra, shure and phwy, you bit of a colleen?" says the lieutenant, placing his hands on his hips and shaking his head from side to side in the droll Irish manner.

"My husband is suiciding," you say. "Here, give a look."

You step aside so the officer can see your husband cutting his throat, or hanging himself, or standing with his mouth over the gas-jet, as the case may be.

"Is that him? The funny-looking guy with the low comedy ears?" asks the lieutenant.

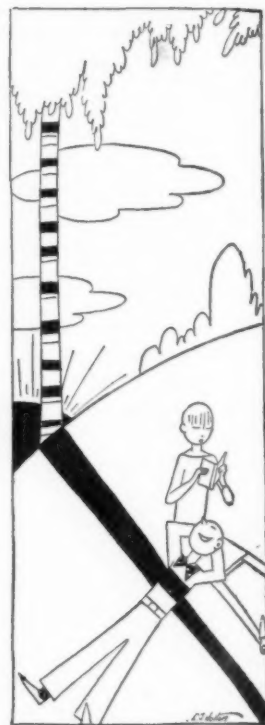
"I must admit he's not looking his best but that's the one."

"He has a button off his vest," the lieutenant will remark, just to show he could be a detective if he wanted to. "Are you quite sure it wouldn't be best, after all, to leave him alone?"

"Whose husband is he? Mine or the Police Department's?" you return loyally. "And how about that policeman?"

"Well," says the lieutenant thoughtfully, "I only

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*She (reading from the Rubaiyat): "A BOOK OF VERSES UNDERNEATH THE BOUGH—A JUG OF WINE—A LOAF OF BREAD—"*

*He: AND HOW!*



## Two "Ask Me Another!" Fans Meet

"HELLO, Joe!"

"Hello, Mike! How's the old boy?"

"According to the Bible a man's years are threescore and ten, and who was it that said, 'A man is as old as his inhibitions'?"

"Dr. Sigmund Freud, the noted Viennese psychoanalyst. Can't catch me on that one. Looks like rain, don't it, Mike?"

"Rain? Rain? Oh, yes! The name of a very successful play, founded on a short story by the eminent English author W. Somerset Maugham (1872—). You see, I remember, I remember..."

"That's easy. 'The house where I was born,' Thomas Hood (1799-1845), distinguished English poet."

"Same old Joe! Well, I got to be moving along. You won't take any wooden nickels, will you?"

"Not a chance. The Republic of Caribou is the only place in the world where the coinage system is founded on a wood standard, one cent (gumwood), nickel (oakwood), etc., and I don't mean maple! So long, Mike. See you to-morrow and to-morrow and to-morrow."



Father: WELL, DID YOU GET THE BABY TO SLEEP?

Mother: YES, AT LAST. I HAD TO BLOW SMOKE RINGS FOR HER, AND SHE DROPPED OFF ON THE FORTY-SEVENTH.

"'Creeps in this petty pace from day to day.'"

"Shakespeare."

"'Macbeth.'"

"Act V."

"Scene 5."

"Line 19 *et seq.*"

Mike and Joe press each other's hands with suppressed emotion and go their separate ways home.

*Courtenay Akt.*

## Her Line

ALINE? Ah, no; she comes to me  
Refreshing as the summer sea;  
For all the other girls I know  
Are far too worldly-wise, and so  
Before her shrine I bend the knee.

I love her frank simplicity,  
Her innocent, unstudied glee,  
And pray that she may never  
throw

A line!

From smart sophistication free;  
As vernal as a young birch tree;  
Her candid spirit's joyous glow  
Diverts me from the passing show.  
Her artlessness—say, can *that* be  
A line?

J. R. S.

## Overheard

(In a Red Ink Restaurant)

"ELAINE, you're wonderful! All these cynical theories about men being polygamous may or may not be true. But there's nobody else for me but you, Elaine. If I were a musician I'd put you into a song—for you mean all the divine melodies in the world to me. When I hear Schubert's 'Song of Love' it seems as if something 'way inside of me turns completely over on its axis... Of course I'm nothing in your life—just a passer-by, that's all, Elaine. But jus' the same, a man can have his dreams... She said that? She's a cockeyed liar!..."

Gracian M. Kelley.



"WOT DIDJA GO AN' CONFESS FOR?"

"I TRIED TO HOLD IN BUT THEY TOOK ME RIDIN' IN A POLICE FLIVVER AN' JOLTED TH' STORY OUT O' ME."

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IT used to be said: Love will find a Way. The same

may be observed of the Roman Catholic Church in the assistance to love which now and then it offers. One reads in a headline: "Rome Will Decree Marconi Marriage Invalid: Prior Separation Agreement Held to Void It." Well, so be it! If the Marlborough - Vanderbilt marriage was annulable, any solvent Catholic hearts that meditate a new mating should be able to accomplish it. Maybe the Roman Church, breathing the contemporary air, has come to feel that some relaxation of marriage ties in suitable cases is expedient.

Judge Lindsey's "companionate marriage," which he advocates as something that would decrease divorce, is nothing more, he says, than what is going on at present. It is not trial marriage. He does not approve of that. He hates divorce and wants to diminish it. So he says make relief from failed marriages easier. Let Americans get at home what they get in Paris or in Reno. Abate the laws a little so that the present disreputable, evasive, collusive and costly divorce proceedings may not have to be. So he would have more laws made or unmade, which might be good and might not; Heaven knows!

IT is with marriage as it is with a lot of other things. The effort constantly goes on to cure by legal means something that can only be cured by spiritual means. Better laws won't do anything very much for marriage. What the divorce situation needs is better people.

Is it not the same about war? Mr. Oswald Villard, in "Ten Years After," in the *Nation*, reviews the War, and especially our entry into it, so lugubriously as to make one thankful that there are still lamp posts on which folks can hang themselves if they can evade the police. Mr. Villard, though not an approver of the German Government, had congenital sympathies with Germans and Germany. They ran in his blood. So did the hatred of war, and he still thinks we ought never to have gone into that one, and that we have done hardly anything that was worth doing or even proper to do since we did go in. He says the Germans who were beaten are better loved in Europe than we are.

Well, that is one good thing we did. By getting in in the nick of time to help the Allies to beat Germany, we have helped to make Germany popular, whereas, and Mr. Villard will perhaps agree to it, if she had won the war, she would probably still be feared and execrated.



MR. CHURCHILL says in his new book that so far as military intelligence and direction went, the war as won by the Allies was by no means a skilful performance. He holds that it cost immensely more lives than it should have cost.

There is something for Mr. Villard. The war went along until everybody hated war. Most of our fellows who went in hated it heartily and went in to end it, and they hate it still. That is something we should credit to the War. The great truth

about peace seems to be that it has to come spiritually before it can come physically. You cannot cure divorce by making it harder for people who have got married and want to quit. Somehow, if you are to do a good job, you must make them want to stay married. Neither can you make peace by making rules for people who want to make war. Somehow you have to make them want peace. You have got to make your world spiritually peaceful before you can make it physically and politically peaceful.

What makes war hateful?

War!

What makes it look attractive?

Unwilling Peace.

What makes divorce unpopular?

Divorce!

What makes it look attractive?

Compulsory or unwilling marriage!

What makes rum hateful?

Rum!

What makes more people want it?

Prohibition.

The same law works in all these cases, a law summed up in the strange words: "Resist not evil!"

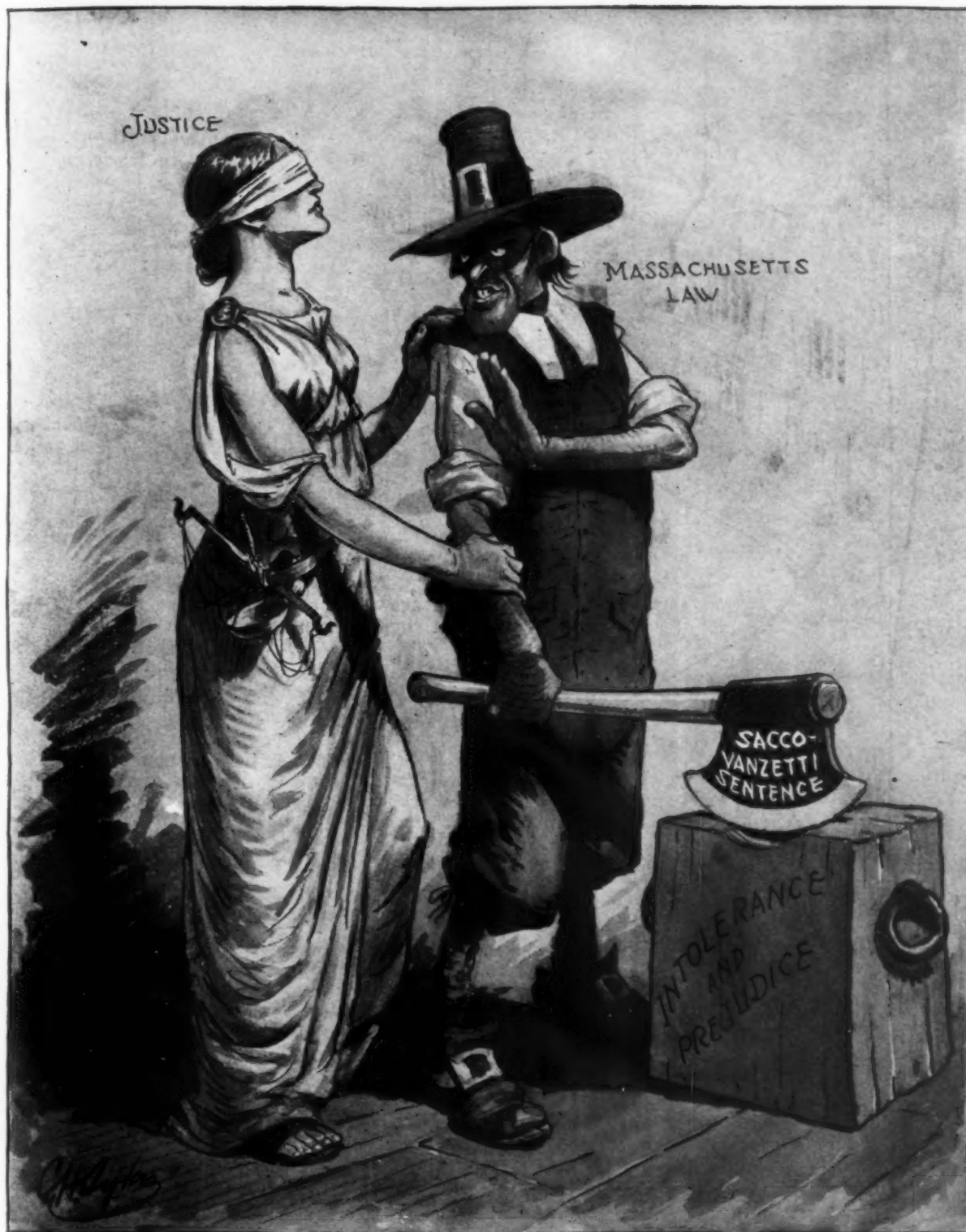


ONE reads funny things in the papers, as when the *New York American* in its news columns said of the late Senator Smith of New Jersey: "Probably his greatest triumph came in his early friendship for Woodrow Wilson. He nominated Wilson for Governor, and paid the expense of the campaign. Later their friendship cooled and Wilson blocked his renomination for the Senate."

What will Colonel George Harvey say to that? It was he who made Mr. Wilson Governor of New Jersey, collecting the money to do it in his own hat and persuading Senator Smith to allow it to be done.

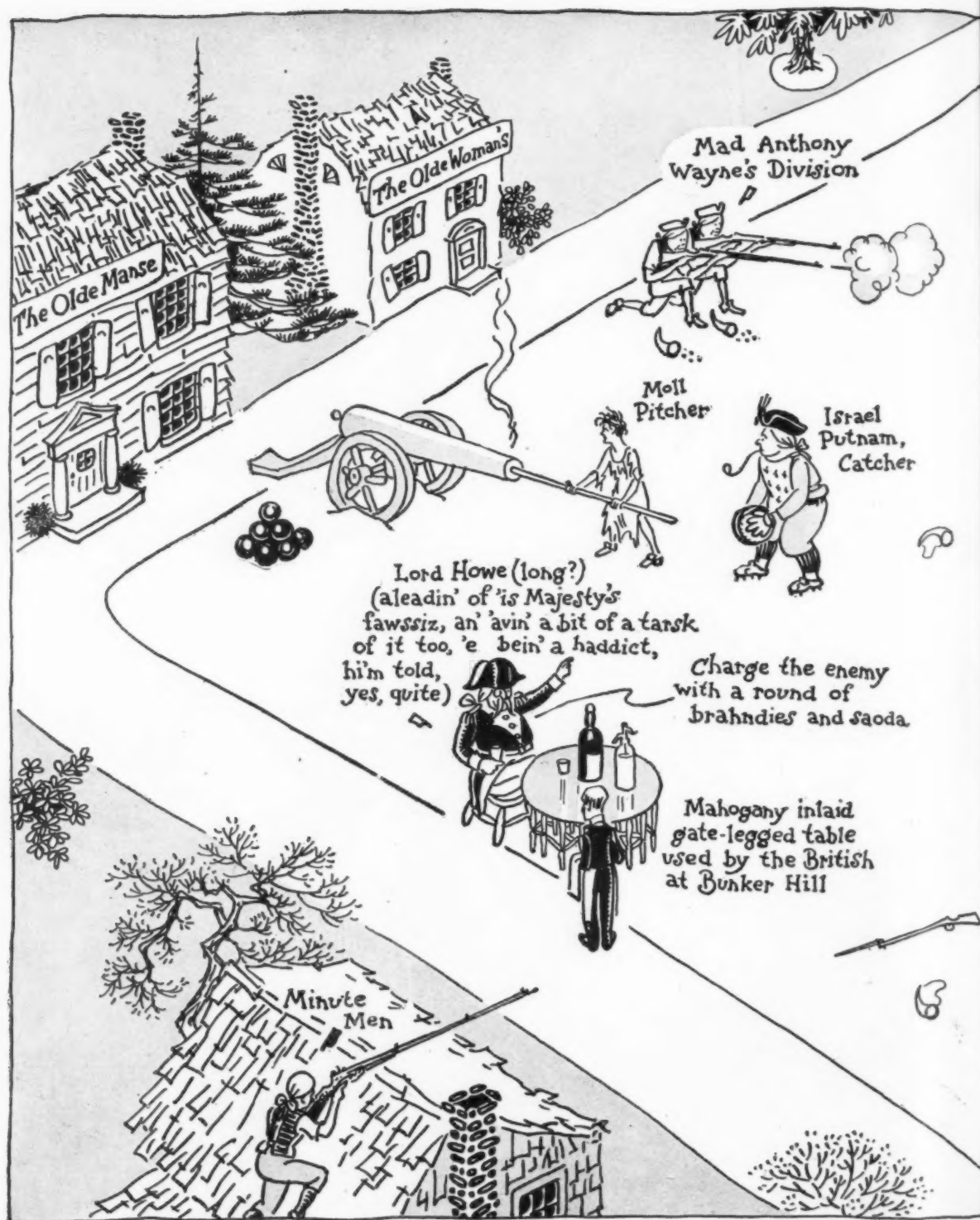
GOVERNOR SMITH'S reply to Mr. Marshall's letter has been received with enthusiasm by his friends and would-be supporters. It is a message of the first importance, and should help a lot to clarify the status of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, and disclose the attitude of lay members of that Church towards their religious organization.

E. S. Martin.



"What have you got to do with it!"

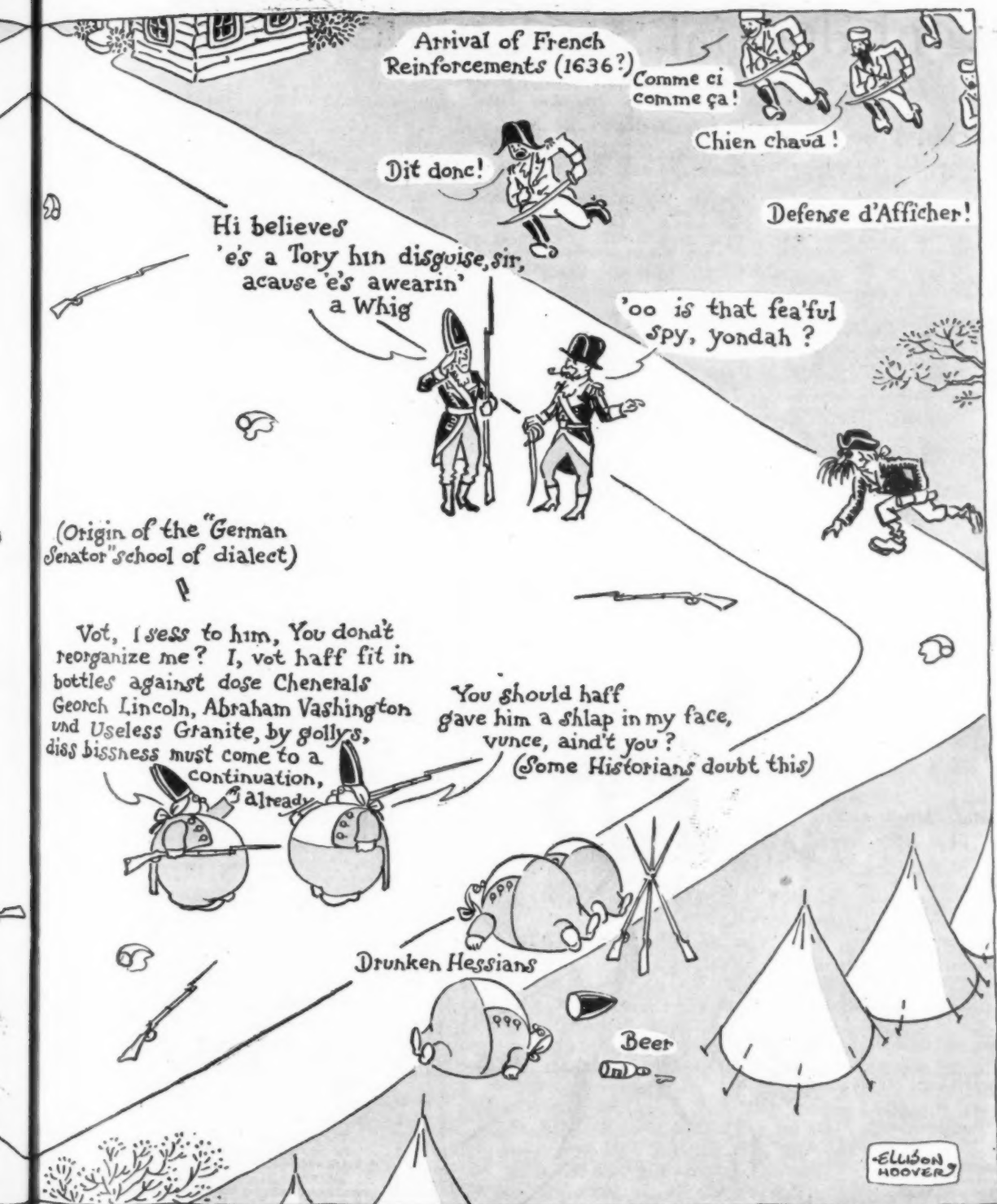




Recollections of the Second Battle of Bunker Hill

By One with a Crazy Mind





the Second Battle of Lexington

with a Lazy Memory

# Confidential Guide

Owing to the time it takes to print LIFE, readers should verify from the daily newspapers the continuance of the attractions at the theatres mentioned.

## More or Less Serious

**The Barker.** *Biltmore*—Life in a tent-show, with several interesting complications. Walter Huston heads a good cast.

**Caponsacchi.** *Hampden's*—Walter Hampden in costume.

**Crime.** *Times Square*—A robbery scene that makes up for some of the rest of the play. James Rennie also helps.

**The Crown Prince.** *Forrest*—Very high-class loving and dying, with Basil Sydney and Mary Ellis participating.

**The Field God.** *Greenwich Village*—A play by Paul Green, who wrote "In Abraham's Bosom." With Fritz Leiber. To be reviewed later.

**Fog.** *National*—A shipful of sinister things adrift in the fog. Should be creepier than it is.

**Fog-Bound.** *Belmont*—They have changed the ending of this Nance O'Neil play since it opened. Now if they will change the first part and the middle portions—

**The House of Shadows.** *Longacre*—Mystery melodrama, with Tom Powers. To be reviewed next week.

**The Mystery Ship.** *Comedy*—A good idea written and acted like a bad one.

**Set a Thief.** *Lyceum*—Murder and robbery in familiar combination.

**The Spider.** *Forty-Sixth St.*—Such a mystery show as you probably never have seen—but will probably see many times after the imitators get to work.

**Spread Eagle.** *Martin Beck*—A tense melodrama showing War in the making. Something to see by all means.

**The Squall.** *Forty-Eighth St.*—The sex urge in Sunny Spain. Pretty bad.

**The Thief.** *Ritz*—Alice Brady and Lionel Atwill in a revival. To be reviewed next week.

**Wall Street.** *Hudson*—A romantic melodrama. To be reviewed next week.

**The Wooden Kimono.** *Fullon*—A thriller which manages to be comic and creepy at the same time.

## Comedy and Things Like That

**Abie's Irish Rose.** *Republic*—According to Broadway gossip, this show is already "out of the red," all expenses paid, and is beginning to make money.

**Broadway.** *Broadhurst*—We have never heard any one say that this isn't a good show, and a lot of people have seen it.

**Chicago.** *Music Box*—A timely and bitter joshing of our criminal court procedure and allied journalism. Francine Larrimore as the popular murderess.

**The Comic.** *Masque*—With J. C. Nugent and Patricia Collinge.

**The Constant Wife.** *Maxine Elliott's*—Ethel Barrymore at her comedy-best in a Maugham drawing-room.

**The Devil in the Cheese.** *Plymouth*—This gossamer bit seems to have had enough staying power to have broken the Punch and Judy jinx and now to move over to Broadway.

**Father Walks Out.** *Morosco*—To be reviewed later.

**The Gossipy Sex.** *Mansfield*—With Lynn Overman. To be reviewed next week.

**Her Cardboard Lover.** *Empire*—Jeanne Eagels in something which does not particularly suit her. Leslie Howard is more happily cast.

**Love Is Like That.** *Cort*—Reviewed in this issue.

**Ned McCobb's Daughter.** *John Golden*—A good play and an interesting one, with fine performances by Alfred Lunt and Clare Eames.

**Night Hawk.** *Frolic*—Glands and their uses made into an interesting comedy with Carroll McComas.

**The Play's the Thing.** *Henry Miller's*—Holbrook Blinn in an example of how to get away with salacity by being good-naturedly refined about it.

**Right You Are If You Think You Are.** *Garrick*—Pirandello fooling around with metaphysics and things. Good exercise.

**The Road to Rome.** *Playhouse*—Jane Cowl making Hannibal's failure to capture Rome plausible and entertaining.

**Saturday's Children.** *Booth*—A charming comedy dealing with young folks who work for a living. Ruth Gordon and an excellent cast.

**Sinner.** *Klaw*—Fun among the road-houses and in the home. A play which hardly justifies its frankness, in spite of Allan Dinehart and Claiborne Foster.

**The Tightwad.** *Forty-Ninth St.*—Reviewed in this issue.

**Tommy.** *Elding*—Juvenile love-making, all very clean and pleasant for a change.

**Two Girls Wanted.** *Little*—Nice enough.

**What Anne Brought Home.** *Wallack's*—Mild.

## Eye and Ear Entertainment

**Cherry Blossoms.** *Cosmopolitan*—One of those Japanese ones. Howard Marsh and Desirée Ellinger.

**The Circus Princess.** *Winter Garden*—Gloria Foy, Georges Hassell and Bickel, Hal Skelly and Desirée Tabor. To be reviewed later.

**Countess Maritza.** *Jolson*—Good Viennese music. Walter Wolf, Odette Myrtil and Carl Randall.

**The Desert Song.** *Casino*—Good all-around operetta. Vivienne Segal and Eddie Buzzell.

**Hit the Deck.** *Belasco*—Louise Brody, Charles King and Stella Mayhew. To be reviewed next week.

**Honeymoon Lane.** *Knickerbocker*—Eddie Dowling and a show which a large number of people like.

**Lady Do.** *Liberty*—Based on a female impersonator, Karyl Norman, with Nancy Welford and Lew Hearn. To be reviewed later, if ever.

**LeMaire's Affairs.** *Majestic*—An evening full of such entertainers as Lester Allen, Charlotte Greenwood and Ted Lewis.

**Lucky.** *New Amsterdam*—Spectacular entertainment, with Walter Catlett, "Skeets" Gallagher, Mary Eaton, Santley and Sawyer, and Paul Whiteman's band.

**A Night in Spain.** *Forty-Fourth St.*—With Phil Baker, Georgie Price, Brennan and Rogers. To be reviewed later.

**Oh, Kay!** *Imperial*—Gertrude Lawrence, Victor Moore and Oscar Shaw in pleasing juxtaposition.

**Peggy-Ann.** *Vanderbilt*—Something different, and very nice. Helen Ford heads the cast.

**Queen High.** *Ambassador*—Still stepping along to catchy tunes. Luella Gear, Frank McIntyre and Charles Ruggles.

**The Stork Is Dead.** *Selwyn*—With Gertrude Vanderbilt, Victor Morley and Stanley Ridges. To be reviewed later.

**The Ramblers.** *Lytic*—Considerable laughter incident to the presence of Clark and McCullough.

**Rio Rita.** *Ziegfeld*—Some very nice stuff but chiefly for the eye. Ada May, Robert Woolsey and Bert Wheeler.

**Scandals.** *Apollo*—George White showing how such things should be done. Harry Richman, Frances Williams and the Howard Brothers.

**Yours Truly.** *Shubert*—Elegance and entertainment from Leon Errol and Marion Harris.



Broadway After the Clean-up

"HEH-HEH — WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SEX, MY DEAR?"  
"WHAT ARE SEX?"



### In a Word, "No"

WERE it not for our devotion to the beautiful, beautiful letters of America and our love of writing for writing's sake, we wouldn't put a word on paper this week. For we have nothing worth writing about. Just wait and see.

"Love Is Like That" ought to have been worth at least a couple of sticks of type, but it wasn't. It is by S. N. Behrman (author of "The Second Man") and Kenyon Nicholson (author of "The Barker"), both capable of better things. But Mr. Behrman has gone to great pains to avoid lapsing into his native facility for amusing dialogue and Mr. Nicholson has shunned his gift for telling a story as he would have shunned a minor plague, with the result that "Love Is Like That" has both dialogue and story of the vintage of 1903 or perhaps 1904. The hero even makes believe that he is a valet (when he really, my dear, is a Russian nobleman), just to sift his true friends from the false.



EVEN the actors in "Love Is Like That" catch the spirit of the thing and, given half a chance, heave and sigh and look at the backs of their hands and say, "Very well... I will go." Mr. Rathbone is called upon to sit on a couch and make a speech which has not been equalled for rotundity since Napier told *Iris March* about her eyes and things in "The Green Hat" away back in 1897. It has been estimated (on the back of a program) that if Napier and Vladimir could be seated on the same couch, each reading his speech, they could propel the couch from Pier 51, North River, to Blackwell's Island, at which point they could both be unloaded.

There really isn't much more to say about "Love Is Like That" except that two young ladies, Miss Ann Davis and Miss Barbara Bulgakov, do much better than you would have thought any one could do, and that the rest of the show is hooley.



WE now come to "One Glorious Hour," which ought to be far, far from here by the time these lines are flashed across the sky. "One Glorious Hour" almost reaches the low-water mark for the season, and we use the word "almost" because we happen to be feeling in a genial mood. In fact, by using the word "season" we are giving it a pretty good break. We could have said "decade."

Well, it seems there were three boys who went out in "a lodge somewhere in Central Europe" to write poetry, paint pictures and compose music. Away from it all. The one who composed music was always leaving the eggs to dash over to the piano and jot down a bar of inspiration, which, on being played, turned out to be pretty punk. The artist tried drawing a foot every once in a while but couldn't quite make a go of it. The poet didn't even try. Something was lacking. Guess what!

And then came Baby. Baby was a countess or something incognito and also in a bathing suit, and it was just what the boys needed. The musician's dashes to the piano became more frequent and at least *he* seemed more pleased with the result. The artist tore off a practically perfect impression of a foot, and the poet—well, it was all the poet could do to keep from writing an ode to a Grecian urning.

And then Baby went home with her entourage, which, however much it may have upset the lodge boys, was a big relief to that portion of the audience seated in M-9 and 11 (very bad seats, by the way).



IN grouping "The Tightwad" with the two preceding opera, we are not being so mean as we sound. For what it sets out to be, "The Tightwad" is quite all right. But, from this plateau, it wouldn't seem to have much chance in the hurly-burly of modern civilization. But, for that matter, neither did "Two Girls Wanted," "What Ann Brought Home" or "Tommy." And they are still bouncing along.

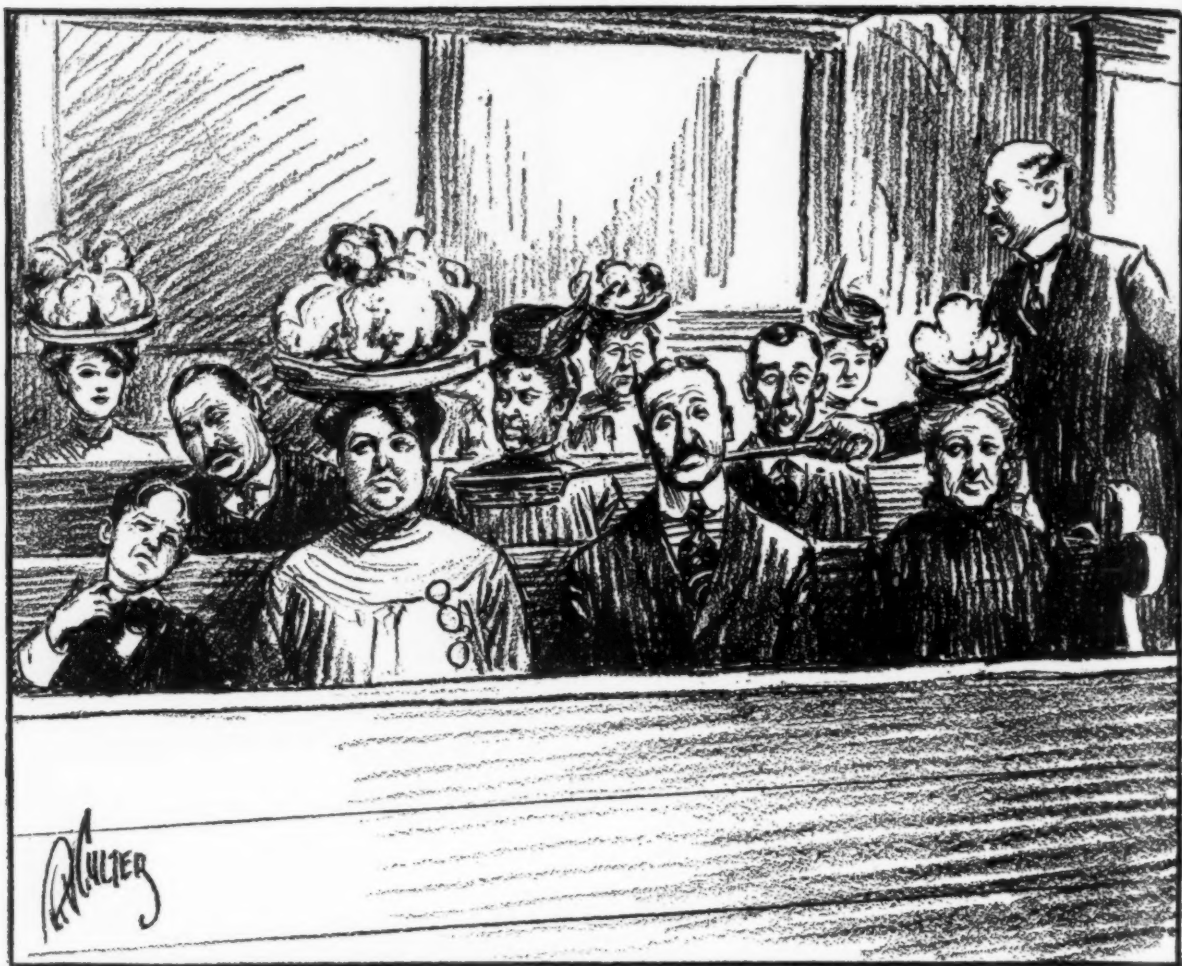
"The Tightwad" has a little of everything in it—"The First Year," "Saturday's Children," "Tommy" and a dash of vanilla soda, but withal, it manages to keep its head above water and sound like something. Not much, but something.

It is one of those plays where the curtain rises on the father of a small-town family reading the newspaper. (A new bit of business, however, has been added to this old scene—the surrender of "part of the paper" to the mother when she comes in from the kitchen.) From then on the course is over the main highway of small-town home-life comedies, but there is very little fooling around by the wayside. The thing does plod along. And, on the whole, is well done.

A moment of silent prayer was held on the entrance of Miss Marie Carroll. The last time we saw her enter a scene was five years ago this month on the first night of "Abie's Irish Rose."

Robert Benchley.





### The Gay Nineties

EVERY GATHERING OF PEOPLE ON THESE WARM SPRING DAYS BRINGS BACK TO THE DODDERING REMINISCE THE PENETRATING ODOR OF THE LITTLE ASAFCETIDA BAGS WHICH HUNG ROUND THE NECKS OF THE CAUTIOUS IN THE "TAKE-NO-CHANCES" NINETIES. THE SIGHT OF THE FIRST ROBIN WAS THE SIGNAL FOR EVERY ONE TO FLY TO HIS FAVORITE SPRING TONIC, WHETHER IT WAS SULPHUR AND MOLASSES, HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA, GREENE'S AUGUST FLOWER, BEEF, IRON AND WINE, CODLIVER OIL OR JUST FATHER'S OLD RELIABLE ROCK AND RYE.

### Life and Letters

SINCE nothing has been heard from Michael Arlen since "The Green Hat" of three summers ago, his "Young Men in Love" (*Doran*) will probably be in its fifth or sixth edition before this notice is circulated. Many readers, the sterner critics amongst them, may consider this new novel an improvement on the style and substance to which its author was so deliciously accustomed, but I don't. I am sure that Mr. Arlen himself thinks it is much better. He states his own literary case quite frankly through the character,

*Charles Savile*, whose first books "were about lords and champagne and women who went to bed with men before you could say knife." Out of those books *Savile* made enough money to settle back and write the kind of thing he considered worth while, to the great confusion of his publishers. He finally concludes, "I am a failure at everything but being the sort of 'success' I despise with all my heart—and I'm even a failure at that now."

Well, I shouldn't say that Mr. Arlen's case is as bad as that. The

old glamour for which he was so unworthily and unkindly criticized by those who thought him a peg or two below Ouida prevails, though deliberately dimmed, and his people and situations have the same quaint Apocalyptic quality. But his ladies are neither so loose nor so lovely, and that seems too bad. The heroine of this tale, *Venetia Vardon*, is well enough in her way, but she does not stand out of the picture sufficiently to stamp her individuality on the reader's consciousness. Perhaps that is to (Continued on page 30)



## Behind the Chinese Front

(By LIFE's Special War Correspondent)

WUHU, April 28 (by request)—Yang Po Mong, who has been playing left Field Marshal for the Northern outfit, has been traded to the Cantonese for 22,000 taels and "General" Ike Sokolow, the wily Russian stinkpot twirler. Both aggregations are considered to be strengthened by the exchange, and Saturday's fracas may run to an extra session. "Major" Chang Zacarelli, who twisted his ankle running ahead of a heavy

explosive shell last Tuesday, is back in uniform and looks fine. He declares that with a good break he will take at least four strokes off his handicap and unless the water is too rough, he will romp home ahead of the field with the puck in his back pocket.

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Tientsin, April 29 (by inference) — Slickers were issued to the members of both the Nationalist and the Northern Armies this morning and the Chinese, with their traditional feeling for decoration, have been active in brightening them up with pictures, slogans, funny sayings, etc. Perhaps the most inspired is the work of Private Wang Dong Duck of the Twenty-first Gong Beaters' Corps. Across the back of his slicker he has written a lot of quaint Chinese characters, which,

being translated, it is understood, mean, "If you can read this, you're too d— educated!"

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Fu-kien, April 30 (by bireme)—An additional outrage has been reported by Miss Jessamine Gormley of this city, who has declared that the Nationalist faction has been repeatedly stealing the morning paper and milk from the front door of her bungalow. Owing to the present great popularity of outrages, L. J. McCready, the editor of the *Fu-kien Press*, is considering running an outrage contest, with a fifty-dollar prize for the best outrage reported, and five ten-dollar prizes for the five next best. All reports should be accompanied by an essay of not more than three hundred words on "Why I Prefer to Remain in China."

Henry William Hanemann.

## As Husband to Wife

"IT'S a great secret, my dear—a terribly well-guarded secret! And when I tell it to you, be sure and tell everybody to tell everybody not to tell anybody."



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Answer: IT'S GENERAL QUIZ.



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## The Cocktail Hour

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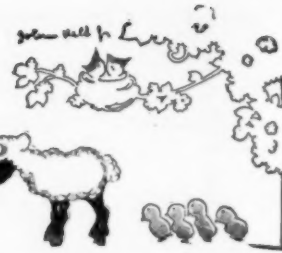


"SEE THAT SIMP OVER THERE BEATING ON THAT CHEWING GUM MACHINE? HE SURE IS A SIMP. HE OUGHTA KNOW IT'S EMPTY."

"WHY OUGHT'E?"

"WHY OUGHT'E? WHY, I BEEN SHAKIN' IT MYSELF FOR TEN MINUTES."

## THE SILENT DRAMA



## "White Gold"

**J**ETTA GOUDAL appears as the star of "White Gold," a serious, sombre, slow-moving picture of the wind-swept sheep country; it is the first really big part that I have seen her play, and her performance serves to confirm a previous conviction that she is an effective actress rather than a good one.

The actual star of "White Gold" is William K. Howard, its director. He has made one very ham scene—a triple-exposure affair in which George Bancroft struggles with his better self on the one hand and his bestial self on the other to determine whether he shall make a pass at Miss Goudal. Aside from this brief lapse of intelligence, Mr. Howard's direction is admirable; he displays a rare restraint in developing a drama of the type that is usually described as "charged with emotion."

I also liked the work of Kenneth

Thomson, the leading man. He is the most convincing talker on the screen, for when his lips move he does not appear to be telling Miss Goudal, "Well, when I came to that sharp curve just before you get to Santa Monica the old Lincoln was hitting sixty-two or sixty-three and..."; he really looks as if he were saying something relevant to the situation.

"WHITE GOLD" is a commendable venture into the forbidden realms of serious drama on the screen—but I can't feel that it is worthy of any great applause. It is a picture in which "strong situations," rather than living characters, are of primary importance. With the exception of Mr. Thomson, not one of the people in the story conveys a sense of reality; this, in a presumably realistic drama, is apt to be a somewhat serious defect.

## "The Sea Tiger"

**J**UST because Milton Sills was successful in "The Sea Hawk," some bright mind decided that he would be even more successful in one called "The Sea Tiger." Well, he isn't.

"The Sea Tiger" is about as dreadful as it is possible for a movie to be—which is no faint praise. It allows Mr. Sills to indulge in some strenuous socking and, as if that weren't action enough, it gives opportunities for fisticuffs to every one else, including the fragile Mary Astor.

As I watched "The Sea Tiger," its brawling spirit inflamed me with the desire to step down and mix it up for a while with the theatre organist; fortunately (possibly for the organist, possibly for me), I managed to subdue this atavistic impulse and went home, which is the best place for any one to be when pictures like this are on view.

R. E. Sherwood.

## Recent

**Chang.** An extraordinary picture of wild animals in action in the Siamese jungle, produced by Merian Cooper and Ernest Schoedsack. Don't fail to see it.

**Casey at the Bat.** Enough of the famous slugger's life to explain his reputation, with Wallace Beery as the mighty one. It's extremely funny.

**Long Pants.** Harry Langdon in an on-and-offer.

**Fashions for Women.** Beautiful ladies and beautiful clothes in a phony Parisian setting.

**It.** Clara Bow as a shop-girl who gets what she wants because she has what is wanted.

**The Rough Riders.** The events leading up to the crest of San Juan Hill, set forth with many heroics and with a lot of low comedy.

**The Love of Sunya.** Gloria Swanson tries hard to vitalize a lifeless story.

**The Kid Brother.** Several extremely loud laughs, instigated by Harold Lloyd.



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## Developments

**Metropolis.** A weird conglomeration of cubistic camera effects and platitudinous vaporings.

**When a Man Loves.** You can look at John Barrymore and I'll look at Dolores Costello.

**Let It Rain.** The artful Douglas MacLean as a capricious Marine.

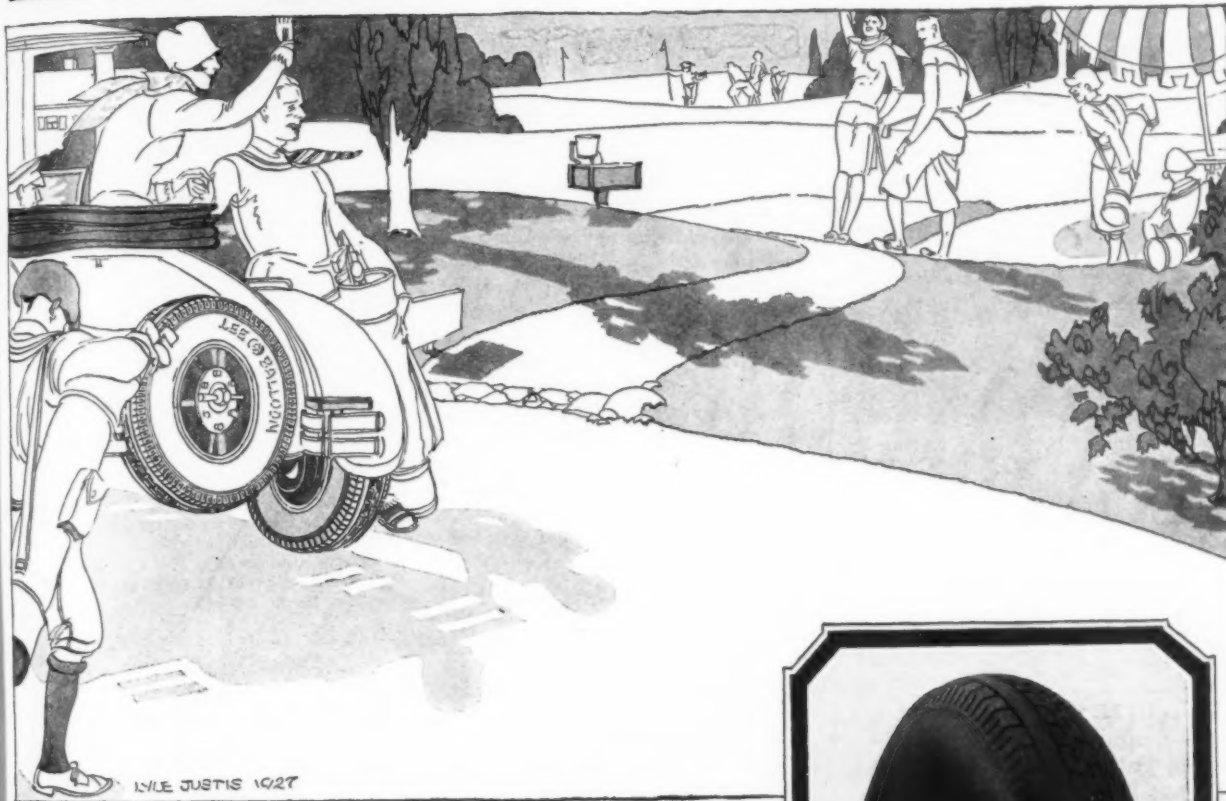
**The General.** A moderately humorous comedy of the Civil War, with Buster Keaton working overtime to keep things going.

**Tell It to the Marines.** Lon Chaney as a hard-boiled Top Sergeant in a semi-educational picture.

**Flesh and the Devil.** Speaking of Miss Garbo, there ought to be some wheeze in the line, "Greta love hath no man," but just what it is I can't, at the moment, decide.

**Slide, Kelly, Slide; Beau Geste; Stark Love; What Price Glory; Old Ironsides; The Scarlet Letter; The Fire Brigade and The Big Parade**—these are the best available.

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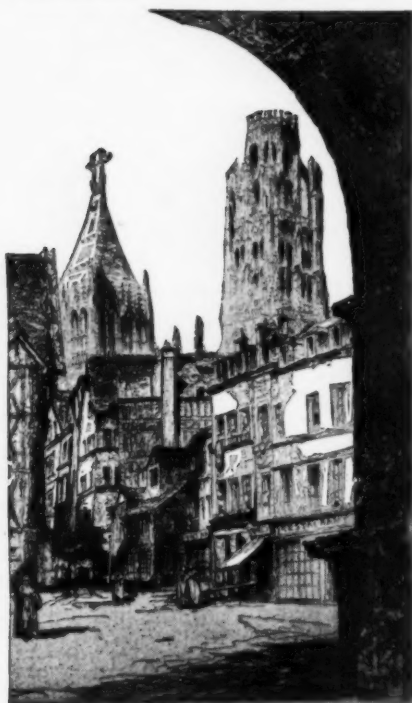
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## Life and Letters

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be expected in a novel whose title is distinctly masculine and which brings intimately into the foreground of its action three of England's greatest personages. Then, too, I suppose it is asking too much, even of Mr. Arlen, to do another *Virginia*, that marvelous creature in "Piracy."

When I say that the Arlen glamour is deliberately dimmed, I mean that "Young Men in Love" does not sound as if it were written by somebody who had just had three glasses of champagne and was all set to tell the world. The author has not, thank goodness, entirely lost his beautiful oblivion of the unimportant fact that a straight line is the shortest distance between two given points, and frequently pauses for characteristic animadversion. But whereas he said that *Iris March's* eyes were like two spoonfuls of the Mediterranean, he says of *Venetia*, literally, "Her eyes were as blue as... as... as blue eyes." Later on it occurs to him that they were "as blue as fountain pen ink." Which, it seems to me, is considerable metaphorical descent.

I cannot say how closely Mr. Arlen's position is reflected in his novelist-character, *Charles Savile*, but he harps quite a bit on the fact that *Savile* made a terrific financial success by creating a popular flair which was unworthy of him. If Mr. Arlen is being at all personal in that connection, he can, so far as I am concerned, put his tongue right straight back in his cheek.

"ARROW," by Christopher Morley (*Doubleday, Page*), is a characteristic fanciful skit in which a young man goes about London stuck through with an invisible but not impalpable shaft supposedly shot by the statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus, and is short enough to place on the guest-room table in case you should harbor devotees of the woozy school of fiction. On that table you must not fail to place "The Gay Nineties," by R. V. Culter (*Doubleday, Page*), for the pictures which have so delighted LIFE's readers for a year or more have been collected and put into a book which is just the thing to give as a present to friends itinerant or stationary. Conrad Aiken has selected "An Anthology of American Verse" for the Modern Library, and if you want to brush up on the outstanding high spots of 1926, "Mirrors of the Year" (*Stokes*), by various specialists in their fields (Grant Overton, editor), will prove diverting as well as informative. Baird Leonard.



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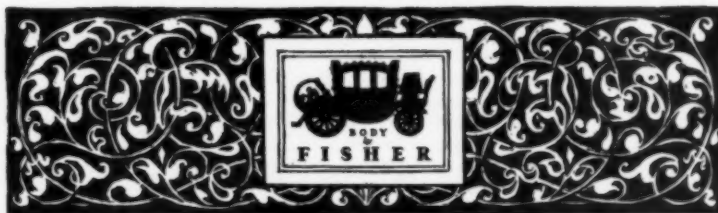
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—George Belcher, in *The Tatler* (London).

## Stop Him!

A CORRESPONDENT notes that a man in Chicago ran over a girl while driving to a hall where he was to give a lecture on "Public Safety," and suggests that he begin his address to the Judge with: "Unaccustomed as I am to public speeding..."

—New York Evening Post.

## The Cities Are Full of Pride

UNNECESSARILY rude was the Chicago man who referred in print the other day to a weekly magazine "called the New Yorker, of New York, N. Y."

—Kansas City Star.

"Does she have her own way much?"

"I'll say she does! She writes up her diary a week ahead of time."

—North Carolina Buccaneer.



**Stone Age Author:** IF THEY REJECT THESE MANUSCRIPTS, I CAN BUILD A HOUSE ANYWAY.

—Kasper (Stockholm).

## To a Dictator

IN spite of peace or passion,  
Of styles still have a care;  
Black shirts go out of fashion  
Like other kinds of wear.

—Washington Star.

## The Guilty Parties

A PROFESSOR, coming to one of his classes a little late, found a most uncomplimentary caricature of himself drawn on the board. Turning to the student nearest him, he angrily inquired:

"Do you know who is responsible for that atrocity?"

"No, sir, I don't," replied the student, "but I strongly suspect his parents."

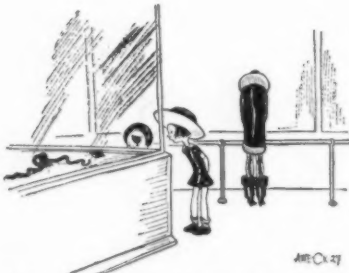
—M. I. T. Voo Doo.

SEVEN policemen were killed in the Solomon Islands recently while trying to arrest a criminal. There is talk of making the place an honorary Chicago. —Punch.

"What a pretty stenographer! Has she any references?"

"Who cares?"

—Louisville Courier-Journal.



"WHY DOES HE LIE THERE LIKE THAT?"

"MAYBE HE'S TRYING TO REMEMBER SOMETHING."

—Söndagsnissae-Strix (Stockholm).

## The Editorial Us

A NEGRO started a newspaper in Alabama. He had noticed how white editors used the word "we" for "I," so he went them one better when he said: "Us sho' feels grateful fo' all de good things dat's been said 'bout us's paper."

—Florida Times-Union.

## There Ain't No Justice

JUDGE: Guilty or not guilty of this charge of murder?

PRISONER: None of yer business!

"Thirty days—contempt of court!"

—Collier's.

"What have you got in that valise?"

"Nothing of the sort, officer."

—Dartmouth Jack-o'-Lantern.

WHEN Bolshevism isn't a menace it's an alibi. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.



A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK.

—London Opinion.

## By Volume

"THEY sell 'Ford Ideals' at the new Ford markets," writes Dudley Nichols. "The books looked all alike, but one stack was marked \$.75 and the other \$1.

"What," I asked the clerk, 'is the difference?"

"Naturally," he said as he passed out the dollar edition, 'you get twenty-five cents' worth more of ideals.'"

—New York World.

## Tired Nature's Sweet Restorer

BILL had been having trouble with one of the native crew on his bêche-de-mer cutter.

"Damn it all, Yarrie," he said, "do you want to loaf all the time?"

"No, boss, I want sleep sometimes," was the reply.

—Bulletin (Sydney).

## No Hurry

A DARKEY just rapped at the door to inquire about washing the windows.

"When do you want to clean them?" he was asked.

"To suit your significance," he replied—which seems quite fair enough.

—O. O. M., St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Young man, age 21, married, 2 children, wishes work of any kind; not afraid to do a day's work; can explain reason." —Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

THERE, there, young man—we understand. —New Yorker.

ACCESSORY after the fact: A Sesqui-centennial postage stamp.

—Toledo Blade.



"THAT LITTLE CHAP AT THE BACK DON'T SEEM TO BE DOIN' MUCH."

"PEAPS HE'S JUST A STOWAWAY."

—Bystander (London).

### Hail to Thee, Blithe Spirit!

ON the St. Andrews links an enthusiastic player with a most irascible temper was faced with a critical short putt. He addressed his ball, studied the line, steadied himself carefully, putted—and missed.

Instinctively he glared round but the entire party might have been so many statues—not a caddie had moved, not a player had budged. His eyes roved the horizon in vain. No one outside the match was in sight. Then he gazed aloft, while breathless silence invested the scene. At last the explosion came:

"Damn that lark!"

—*Golf Illustrated.*

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### Brethren of the Guild

FIRST TRAMP (reading an old newspaper): Here's a story about a cove who did no work for thirty years.

SECOND TRAMP (wearily): Oh, don't talk shop.—*London Daily News.*

"His Majesty, the American husband."—*Ad.*

His what, the WHAT?—*New Yorker.*



CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE WAS CAUSED TO FOLLOWING TRAFFIC BY MR. MALLET CHISEL'S DECISION TO TAKE HIS LATEST PANEL UP TO TOWN BY ROAD.

—*Passing Show (London).*

POLICE item: You cannot park your car and have it.—*Collier's.*

### Longings

SOME thrill to the flash of the tennis ball  
As it speeds from the racquet's face;  
And some to the sight of its arching flight  
As the gutty soars through space.

Some thrill to the bound of a noble steed  
Surmounting a four-foot wall;  
Or the pistol crack of the mallet's whack  
On the face of a polo ball.

But give me the pull of a straining sheet!  
A leaning mast and a high one!  
Keep what you've got! Give me a yacht.  
(For I can't afford to buy one!)  
—*Baron Ireland, in The Sportsman.*

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### Boiling Over

"He upset some boiling waiter.... It is feared he will be scarred for life."—*Local Paper.*

THAT vexed tipping problem.

—*Humorist (London).*

LATE reports from Chicago to-day were that all the missionaries had been taken out under cover of a heavy barrage.

—*New York Sun.*

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## Questionnaire

(The answers to these questions will be found on page 8. They were compiled by Thomas Langan, Madison Kirby, W. W. Scott, Norman R. Jaffray and Lloyd Mayer.)

1. NAME three men who have never been president.
2. What indigestible substance is often found in coffee?
3. Who originated the expression, "Two can live as cheaply as one"?
4. What famous product is advertised by the slogan, "It's toasted"?
5. How many players are there on a hockey team?
6. How many characters were in search of an author in one of Pirandello's plays?
7. How many pockets are there in a pool table?
8. Give within ten years the number of years President Coolidge has been in office.
9. Who wrote "Crabbed age and youth cannot live together"?
10. What famous New York street is referred to in the song beginning, "The Bowery, the Bowery"?
11. What makes cork float?
12. Should auld acquaintance be forgot?
13. What is Harpo Marx's Christian name?
14. What city is usually known as "Beantown"?
15. Who has been the most consistent contributor to humorous journals in recent years?

## Paradox

CHATTING with the assistant of Fortunio the lion-tamer, who has been appearing at the Scala in Berlin, we asked if he had ever been attacked by his lions.

"Well, I should say so! In the three years I have been handling them I have had nineteen narrow escapes. Once an old lion bit me when my back was turned and for six weeks I didn't know what part of my anatomy to sit down on; on another occasion a blow from a paw gave me concussion of the brain, and the last time I was half eaten up when they pulled me from the jaws of the beasts."

"But why in heaven's name do you keep at it, then?"

"Well, one wants to live."

—*Lustige Blätter* (Berlin).

## An Unidentified Man

A GENTLEMAN called up the newspapers the other day to report that Mussolini had been hissed at a meeting here. He was, of course, the sort of person who hisses and tells.

—*New York Evening Post*.

A MAN in Los Angeles, turning over the leaves of an old Bible, found a \$5 bill; and doubtless forgot the quotation he wanted.—*Detroit News*.



## Genius and the Plodder

JOHN in study lingered late. James drew pictures on his slate. John toils on each weary day. James draws comics for large pay.

—*Washington Star*.

## A Perfect System

GUEST: Your dinners are always so successful, Mrs. De Smythe. How do you select your menus?

HOSTESS: The doctor has given me a list of things I mustn't eat and I choose the dishes from that.—*Passing Show*.

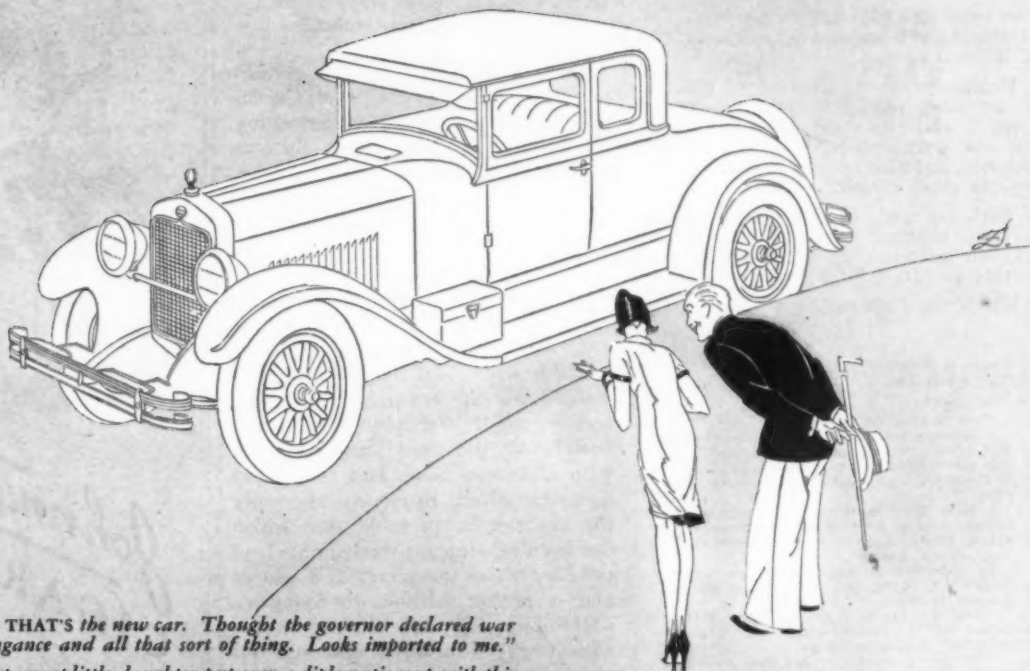
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"He did, but smart little daughter put over a diplomatic coup with this coupe. Got just the car I wanted and still saved enough for a heavy summer at Bar Harbor."

**I**MPORTED? Well, yes, in a manner of speaking. Its style was conceived in the fashion center of the world—Paris—and its lines and colorings smack of the sophistication of the Champs Elysées. Dietrich designed it—Dietrich, builder of the finest custom bodies. Sounds expensive, doesn't it—but the Erskine Six will win the heart of even the canniest descendant of the Scotch.

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# ERSKINE SIX

THE LITTLE ARISTOCRAT

## The Prodigal Pipe Smoker Returns to Favorite Tobacco

One way to appreciate the value of something you possess is to be deprived of it for a time.

Evidently this is as true of tobacco as anything else, for here is a letter from a self-confessed "prodigal son." He not only returned to his former favorite, but also bought himself a new pipe to start afresh.

With the modesty and humbleness of a true prodigal's return, this pipe-smoker permits us to present him merely as "H. D."

His letter follows:

Boerne, Texas  
Oct. 14, 1926

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Dear Sirs:

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I began pipe-smoking with Edgeworth. But after a while I began to wander, trying other tobaccos, experimenting to see if there were any better tobacco for the pipe.

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"And the prodigal son partook of the fatted calf"; I bought a new pipe when I returned to Edgeworth.

With many thanks for my cool, mellow, sweet smokes, I am,

Very truly yours,  
"H. D."



Let us send you free samples of Edgeworth so that you may put it to the pipe test. If you like the samples, you'll like Edgeworth wherever and whenever you buy it, for it never changes in quality.

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[On your radio—tune in on WRVA,  
Richmond, Va.—the Edgeworth  
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## Mrs. Pep's Diary

(Continued from page 16)

ing-room vogue at present, and when it came Sam's turn to recite his favorite poetical passage, he quoth,

"Through the woods the redskin goes,  
Through the oaks and larches,  
He barks his shins and stubs his toes,  
But he never busts his arches."

Nor could we for some time get him to reveal its source, he stoutly maintaining that it was from Browning, but when I made to attack the vulnerable spot in the small of his back, he declared that he had memorized it from a bootshop's advertisement of sandals.

April  
13th

The telephone a-ringing early, and it was Marge anxious to know if a diamond bracelet had slipped from her wrist down into our great couch yesterday, so I did plumb the very bowels of the thing and emerged with almost as much loot as a lucky deep-sea diver, retrieving not only the bracelet but a sable skin which has been missing for weeks, nine lead pencils, three briquets, five gloves and a pocket edition of Spinoza's philosophy. To luncheon at an inn with Gerry Lansdale, and she did tell me that she now has the best butler that ever she had in her life, but that the fellow has so much Gallic enthusiasm that he will occasionally speak outside the conventions of his position, and it reminded me of the servant Aunt Caroline had once who, when I refused the cakes he was passing, bent low and whispered, "You'd better take some of these—they're from the Ladies' Exchange." It did also remind me of the servant in "The Rivals" who promised not to laugh at the table talk if the one about the grouse in the gunroom were not told, for I have always wondered what that tale might have been. To the shops to search out material for an exercising suit, and then home, finding Sam about to shake up a cocktail for Aldis Squire out of his best gin and boasting that it was pre-war stuff, which did inspire Aldy, after he had tasted the mixture, to remark, "Pre-war? Who's fighting now?" Home all this evening reading in Mrs. Sedgwick's new novel, and so, after eating the asparagus which Katie is saving for soup, to bed.

Baird Leonard.

## Hard to Get Along With

MISTRESS: Why did you leave your last position?

COOK: The missus objected to me keeping her in her place.—Smith's Weekly.

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## Television

(Continued from page 18)

have a few in stock. Almost everything has been picked over. What kind do you want?"

"The tall ones, the small ones, I love 'em all," you croon, "but seriously, I should like two big dark ones."

The lieutenant leaves the phone for a moment, giving you a chance to look over the police blotter and see if any of your friends have been brought in to-day. He returns with three little policemen, giggling and covering their faces with their hands.



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**I**N those less than well-regulated homes where the temperature of whatever it is comes in those tall, clinky glasses, still depends upon outside ice supply, such heart-rending scenes as we have pictured above, still occur!

But—Allah be adulated—not in many! For already, the proclivities of the Frigidaire have somehow or other become public, and peace lovers from near and far are actually snapping them up! Further reasons for this sudden flair for Frigidaire have been set forth as the ability of this same Frigidaire to keep foods fresh and crisp, to keep butter firm, milk sweet, desserts tempting—and hostesses happy! It is said that Frigidaire, with its own particular FROST COIL DIRECT COOLING SYSTEM, has neither peer—nor par! However, it HAS the resources of the General Motors close behind it! Need we actually say more?

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After looking them over you decide to make the best of it, so you say, "All right, send them right up. And I hope to God they play bridge."

Phyllis Ryan.

#### "As I Like It"

THIS department is not infrequently impious enough to differ with the dicta of William Lyon Phelps in matters of the drama, but he is the hero of today's story. At a dinner he gave recently, when a noted novelist was good enough to read aloud from her works in New Haven, he said grace so mum-

blingly that Mrs. Phelps was constrained to inform him that she had not heard a word. The Professor answered crushingly: "I wasn't speaking to you, my dear."—*New York World*.

#### A Welsh Romance

He was a simple Welsh lad. "I llove you, Lleilla," he whispered. "And I," she faltered, "llove you." Their llips met. And there llet us lleave them.

—*Yale Record*.

"Sir," wrote the indignant mother to the schoolmaster, "you mustn't whack my Tommy. He isn't used to it. We never hit him at home except in self-defense."—*London Evening News*.





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(Please turn to page 11 for other information.)

**E**ACH week we will publish a different picture in the ALIBI CONTEST—the picture this week being marked "ALIBI NUMBER TWENTY-ONE."

The first prize of \$50.00 will be awarded each week to the contestant who, in the opinion of the Judges, furnishes the cleverest and most ingenious conclusion to the sentence which starts, "Well, you see, it's this way..." Five second prizes of \$10.00 each will be awarded to the runners-up.

Answers must not exceed twenty-five words in length; this word limit, however, is not intended to include the captions under the Contest pictures as originally published in LIFE.

There is no limit to the number of answers to each Contest picture that any one contestant may submit. Nor is it necessary for a contestant to submit answers to more than one of the Contest pictures to be eligible for a prize.

The Judges will be three of the Editors of LIFE.

In the event of a tie, the full amount of the prize will be awarded to each of the tying contestants.

Answers should be typewritten or clearly written on one side of the paper. Every single sheet of manuscript submitted must be plainly marked with the contestant's name and address. The Judges cannot undertake to return any of the manuscripts submitted in this Contest.

Answers to ALIBI NUMBER TWENTY-ONE should be so marked, and sent to ALIBI CONTEST EDITOR, LIFE, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City. All answers to ALIBI NUMBER TWENTY-ONE must reach LIFE's office before 12 noon on May 19, 1927. Announcement of the winners will be made in the issue of June 9, 1927.

The Contest is open to all and is not limited to subscribers to LIFE. Members of LIFE's staff, and their families, are barred from competition.

### Too Old to Learn

A STRANGER nudged me in the ribs at the picture show the other night.

"Say," he whispered, "I guess my life has been wasted, after all. I've had three wives and I never kissed any of 'em the way that feller's doing it."

"Is it too late?" I murmured, endeavoring to register sympathy.

"It is," he returned sadly. "I am troubled with a shortness of breath."

—Morning Oregonian.

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## Stroppers

## What One Happy Boy Is Going to Do with His Prize Money

By Norman R. Jaffray (Age 10)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: No essay was required for the Alibi Contest, but just try and stop this boy from writing one.)

WHEN I opened a "very mysterious" envelope and drew from it a check for \$10 and a letter announcing my success in the Alibi Contest, you can imagine what I did first! That's right: cashed it. But then what? Should I spend it on goodies, or movie shows? A fielder's mitt? A trip to Europe? A flying-machine?

While I was still undecided, the next mail brought me an avalanche of letters. Some were appeals for money; some were solicitations from various charitable organizations; some were letters of advice as to how I should spend the sum; and one letter was from—need I say it?—the dearest little girl in the world.

After answering a few of the requests for autographed photos and testimonials praising various kinds of cigarettes and face-cream, I returned to my original speculation. Here I was, with the power to do good to some worthy charity, to make others share my happiness. It was indeed a momentous decision. At last, however, I had made up my mind.

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It is such loose talk of scientists that disorganizes the rising generation and contributes to the increase of crime!

—*Emporia Gazette.*

THERE'S one thing about all those American marines landed in China. No officer stepped out in front of the boys and said: "Confucius, we are here."

—*Edmonton (Alberta) Bulletin.*



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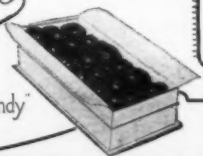
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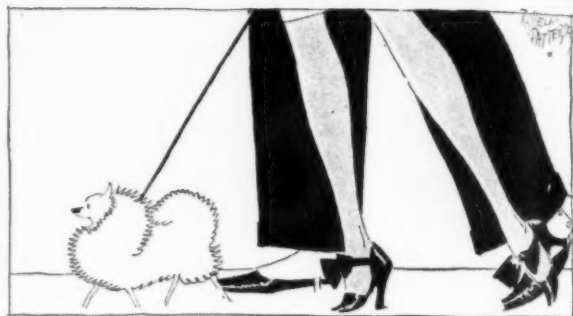
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Of course Mother put *all* of the flowers in one big, roomy vase. That's just the sort of thing a Mother *would* think of, isn't it?

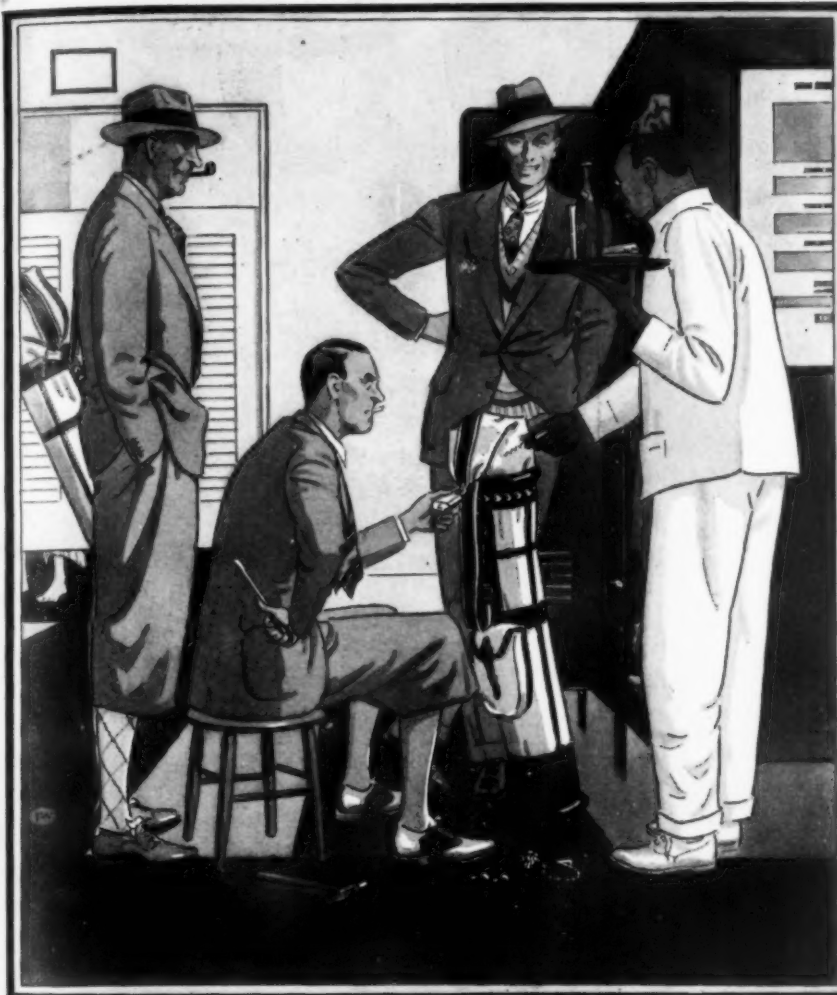
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These forward-looking manufacturers already see the end of keys and keyholes • They have adopted Sesamee • John Boyle and Warren on hand luggage, Wheary and Winship on trunks, and Rand Kardex Bureau have made it standard on Kardex visible office files • Sesamee padlocks can be purchased at the better luggage, men's furnishings, sporting goods, and department stores. Sesamee is being developed to replace key locks for many uses, doors, furniture and various types of automobile locks, etc.

THE SESAMEE COMPANY ♦ ♦ HARTFORD CONNECTICUT



# \$30,000



## Find six keys to the popularity of Coca-Cola

### Here's how to find them

The "six keys" are six outstanding reasons why people drink Coca-Cola—over 7 million a day.

They will be illustrated and presented in Coca-Cola advertising during the next three months.

### Just three things to do:

1. Find and write down the "six keys" and tell where you found each one.\*
2. Pick out the one key that appeals to you most and tell in one paragraph why it is a good reason for the popularity of Coca-Cola.
3. Then write an answer (in one paragraph) to this question:

*Other than magazine and newspaper advertisements, what Coca-Cola advertisement (a wall, poster, red sign or any one of the various pieces used to decorate show windows, soda fountains and refreshment stands) best illustrates or presents to you one or more of the "six keys"? Tell why—and also where you saw the advertisement.*

For the correct naming of the "six keys" and the best answers to the questions, the following cash prizes will be awarded:

1st prize.....	\$10,000
2nd prize.....	5,000
3rd prize.....	2,500
4th prize.....	1,000
5th prize.....	500
10 sixth prizes (each)...	100
20 seventh prizes (each)...	50
200 eighth prizes (each)...	25
400 ninth prizes (each)...	10

A total of 635 prizes. \$30,000

\* Do not mail any entry before the first week in August. You must see all "six keys" before you can write correct answers, and the final key will not appear until then.

All entries must be mailed by midnight, August 25, 1927, to Contest Judges, The Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga.

AS A RESULT of a national survey, through thousands of personal interviews, the public has given us six outstanding reasons why everybody likes Coca-Cola.

We have named them "six keys to the popularity of Coca-Cola." And they will be illustrated and presented in Coca-Cola advertising during the next three months—in magazines and many newspapers—in outdoor signs and posters—in show windows and at stores and stands of the many thousands of places that serve Coca-Cola.

To show you how to look for the "six keys," we'll point out the first one—in the advertisement on the opposite page. It is "taste." The other five will be just as easy to find—if you keep your eyes open to Coca-Cola advertising during the next three months.

### Where to Find the Six Keys and the Answers to the Questions

The "six keys to the popularity of Coca-Cola" will be illustrated and presented in many newspapers throughout the country and in the following magazines on the following dates—one key to each advertisement:

**The Saturday Evening Post**—May 7, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6.  
**Literary Digest**—May 14, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 13.  
**Liberty**—May 14, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 13.  
**Collier's Weekly**—May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6.  
**Life**—May 5, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4.

Just three things to do to enter this \$30,000 cash prize contest:

1. Find the "six keys." Tell where you found each one.
2. Pick out the key that appeals to you most and tell in one paragraph why it is a good reason for the popularity of Coca-Cola.
3. Then write an answer (in one paragraph) to the following question:

*What Coca-Cola outdoor sign (painted wall, bulletin, poster, red sign on a store or along a street or highway) or what Coca-Cola show window display or soda fountain or refreshment stand decoration best illustrates or presents to you one or more of the "six keys"? Tell why—and also where you saw the advertisement. (Note that magazine and newspaper advertisements are eliminated in answering this question.)*

To answer what Coca-Cola advertisement, other than those in newspapers and magazines, best illustrates or presents one or more of the "six keys," keep your eyes open for the following Coca-Cola advertisements:

**Posters**—60,000 in 5,000 communities.  
**Painted Walls and Bulletins**—20,000 throughout the country. **Show Window Displays, Soda Fountain and Refreshment Stand Decorations**—at more than 415,000 places where Coca-Cola is served.  
**Little Red Coca-Cola Signs**—hundreds of thousands dot the streets and corners everywhere.

### Enter This \$30,000 Contest Now and Follow These Simple Rules

1. Contest will close at midnight, August 25, 1927. All answers postmarked August 25, 1927, will be acceptable.
2. Contest is open to everybody—young and old—except people connected with The Coca-Cola Company or a Coca-Cola bottling company, or their families.
3. Do not mail your entry before the first week in August. You must see all "six keys" in advertisements before you can write correct answers and the final key will not appear before the first week in August.
4. Write on only one side of your paper. Use type-writer, pen or pencil, but please write plainly.
5. Write your name, occupation and address plainly at the top of the first page of your entry.
6. Prizes will be awarded strictly on merit, on the following points:
  - (a) The correct naming of the "six keys" and the place you found each one.
  - (b) The best answer why any one of the "six

keys" is a good reason for the popularity of Coca-Cola.

- (c) The reasons you give (also the place you saw it) for the Coca-Cola advertisement (outside the newspaper and magazine advertisements) that best illustrates or presents one or more of the "six keys."
- (d) The neatness and clearness of your answers.
7. All answers become the property of The Coca-Cola Company and may be used by it in advertising or otherwise. None will be returned.
8. Address all answers to

#### CONTEST JUDGES

The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Announcement of the winners and awarding of the prizes will be made as soon after the close of the contest as the judges can complete their work.

The judges will be three former Presidents of the International Advertising Association (formerly Associated Advertising Clubs of the World) and the President of the Coca-Cola Bottlers' Association, and their awards shall be final.

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